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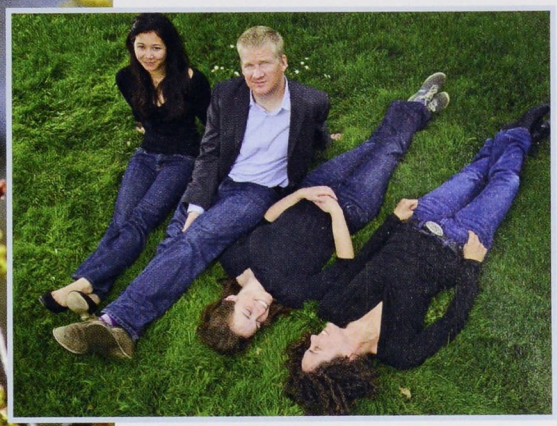

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THE MAN IN THE GRAY SUIT FACED THE ROOMFUL OF COLLEGE STUDENTS, gestured toward the large screen displaying a PowerPoint slide that detailed the global population during the next century, and asked, "How are we going to feed the people of the future?"

He smiled and turned his attention to the four entrepreneurs and venture capitalists who had joined the class discussion this chilly February morning in Middlebury's Kirk Center.

"The solution," the man confidently said, "would be insects."

And with that, Alexander Bea, a Middlebury senior, launched into his presentation for Bumu (short for BugMunch), a project that would harvest the nutritional value of insects to feed growing populations.

Bea was one of eight finalists competing for the lofty title "Next Big Idea" in a competition that was part of the ultra-intensive winter-term course MiddCORE. (The CORE stands for Creativity, Opportunity, Risk, Entrepreneurship.) At the beginning of the term, all 30 students in the two sections of the course were told they would be challenged to design a social or commercial innovation. "The innovation," the guidelines stated, "may be a new good/service, a new way to deliver an existing good/service, or a creative solution to a social problem." During the course of the term, the students teamed up with mentors to cultivate their ideas, and at the end of the period they each made their pitch to a panel of judges; eight advanced to the final. (It should be noted that the competition was just one small slice of the MiddCORE experience. For more, see middcore.middlebury.edu.)

In addition to Bea, the finalists pitched ideas such as a website that would provide a better way to statistically predict outcomes for fantasy football; YouPower, a fitness center that produces electricity; a line of sweet and savory fruit spreads; and a forum and support network for athletes who have suffered brain traumas.

Each presenter was challenged by the panel ("Do these distribution models work?" "What does success look like?" "I'd like to hear more about two things—where will the big adoption happen and what is the story that you'll tell?"), and after all had made their pitches, they then waited for the judges to make a decision.

"I'm looking for the big idea, but also an idea that is real—a big idea with wind in the sails." Ernie Parizeau was the first to speak. The five judges had crowded into a small office filled with books piled on every conceivable surface. "The winner should be someone who, we are fairly confident, will actually implement his or her idea."

"But then are we in danger of the challenge morphing into the biggest *real* idea?" countered Paul Bottino '87.

And so it went for the next several minutes as Parizeau, Bottino, Greg Wiebolt, Adam Greenberger '93, and Marc Randolph (Suzie Reider '87 and Rocki-Lee DeWitt judged the earlier round but were unable to attend the final) debated the merits of the eight finalists. In the end, there was a clear-cut, unanimous winner (see "A Beautiful Mind," on page 30), while Zannie's Zing: Sweet Savories by Suzanne Calhoun '14 grabbed runner-up honors.

Alexander Bea hasn't given up on Bumu, though. With true entrepreneurial zeal, he applied for—and was one of five students to receive—a $3,000 grant from the College's Center for Social Entrepreneurship to pursue his idea. There just might be crickets on the menu, yet. —*MJ*

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I Rejoiced

I READ WITH INCREASING INTEREST the story on how a group of students, a number of whom had absolutely no background in the areas that they were attempting to engage in, were competing with some of the top universities in this and other countries to build a home that makes sense—economic and environmental sense, common sense ("This Is How They Did It," winter 2012). That a liberal arts institution should be willing to go so far outside the box that it may no longer even resemble a box in form, is something that relatively few such institutions would try. But Middlebury and its students did so—and the president's wife was wise enough and willing enough to push the president to give it consideration. Kudos to her; to President Liebowitz for being wise enough and willing enough not only to listen, but to give it serious consideration and to seeing it connected in a very real way to his understanding of what it means to be liberally educated; and to the students whose enthusiasm gave proof of the value of a liberal education.

Fear grasps us on a daily basis, everywhere we look and listen: in newspapers, magazines, TV, radio. Fear-mongers are everywhere and would have us all dig holes for ourselves alone, force ourselves into them, and pull the holes in over our heads. I am tired of fear and more of fear-mongers. I am tired of them because they fear truth. So when I see fearlessness, I rejoice. I rejoiced when Midd's students were willing to step up to the challenge and face it—not without trepidation, because courage is not made of fearlessness; it is made of action in the face of one's own fear, and the real fear is letting the other members of the team down. That is what soldiers face when they face fear: they find the courage to remember that their actions are connected to all those around them, and the necessity of those acts to take place in order to protect others. I spent 20 years prepared to face fear, and to fear letting others down, and I determined not to let it happen.

I rejoiced when I read what President Liebowitz had to say about the value of a liberal arts education:

GREEN HOUSE
Self-Reliance: Winning hearts and minds at the 2011 Solar Decathlon.

"If we are to define a Middlebury education as one that challenges students outside the classroom as well as in, prepares them to enter a complex world after graduation, and then addresses the skills needed to adapt and evolve in that complex world, then we will also be defining a liberal arts education in the next century."

This statement resonated with me because my son plans to be a music major in college. He is one of those liberal arts students who faces a world that harps at him, "No, you can't make a living in music. You must find something *practical*." Far too many are unwilling to admit the value of a liberal arts education and the flexibility inherent in such an education, and can only see value in math and "hard" sciences.

I wouldn't want it thought that there was no value in such studies, but what makes them of greatest value, in my judgment, is that they benefit most from contact with the liberal and humane arts. A scientist who cannot write well, cannot express him or herself well, cannot deal with more in the world than mere fact, is at best half-man or woman. I consider myself as a very successful human being because my interests go beyond fact. That interest happened before Middlebury, but my four years at the College were the happiest years I have spent in one place, and if I am able to deal with the broad range of realities I face today, it is in no small measure of what Middlebury offered me. And I am beyond thrilled to see that its president is dedicated to that notion, to the value of liberal and humane arts in education, and, more importantly, to the notion that such an education can be truly useful in life, that it is not wasteful to spend one's time in such studies, that one can contribute significantly to the world around us because of the flexibility such an education grants and encourages.

I have never been so proud of my alma mater, of its students, and of its president as I was in reading the winter 2012 issue of *Middlebury Magazine*.

Ronald Duquette '74
Lorton, Virginia

Fertile Soil

WELL DONE ON THE SOLAR DECATHLON ARTICLE ("This Is How They Did It," winter 2012). As a professional in the solar industry, it's been a source of great pride to follow this story over the last couple of years. Though initially skeptical of the notion that this was a perfect example of the merits of modern liberal arts higher education (seemed at first like a convenient yet exaggerated "storyline"),

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the article helped me turn the corner. This kind of interdisciplinary work really does mirror the real world in a way that stays true to the principles of liberal arts education. Kudos to President Liebowitz for going "all in" on this venture despite the setbacks, and kudos to the students for the hard work and the success.

One observation that may be surprising to those less familiar with the renewable energy industry: The same fertile soil that was more overtly called upon to support the Solar Decathlon team has been quietly churning out industry leaders for well over a decade, albeit in a less noticeable fashion. In fact, it's a running joke in some California solar-industry circles that if you didn't go to Stanford or Middlebury, you probably won't go anywhere in the industry. In just the last year, the company I work for (SunEdison, cofounded by David Buzby '82) acquired two companies led by recent Midd alums, promoted a Midd alum to treasurer, brought on a Midd alum to help lead expansion into South Africa, and hired a handful of recent graduates for roles ranging from sales to finance to system design. San Francisco industry happy-hour meet-ups are like mini Middlebury reunions.

David Riester '05
San Francisco, California

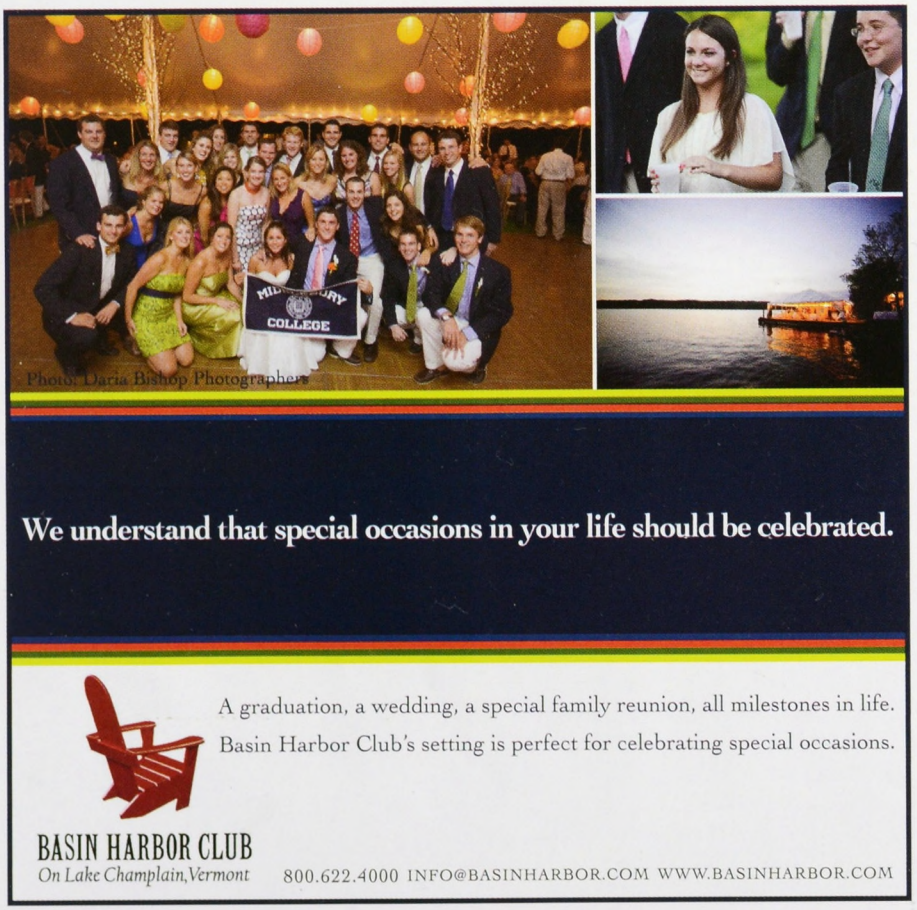
The writer is the director of the Global Special Situations Group at SunEdison.

Delighted by Self-Reliance

THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT ARTICLE on the 2011 Solar Decathlon. I followed events on the Internet and was delighted with Midd's fourth-place overall win and first-place honors for market appeal.

President Liebowitz spoke to the importance of a liberal arts education in understanding and solving problems of the larger world, specifically the challenges we face in the future. Great news that Midd has been accepted for the 2013 competition. Kudos to all who made this happen!

Jessie Woodwell Bush '45
Sun City Center, Florida



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All Choked Up

I AM A PROUD PARENT (Divya Dethier '12) whose work centers on climate change and who lives in Washington, D.C., so it was a no-brainer that I would be one of the thousands of people who thronged West Potomac Park last fall during the Solar Decathlon.

Of course, I may have been biased, but I thought that Self-Reliance was beautiful, functional, tasteful, and—perhaps most importantly—livable, and was thrilled that Middlebury took fourth place overall. This is a commendable achievement, all the more so when one considers the competition.

Kevin Charles Redmon's fascinating article ("This Is How They Did It," winter 2012) on the building of this lovely house moved me, and yes, I can admit this: I choked up more than a little upon reading it. Thank you for a riveting read and for allowing me to relive the emotions that struck me when I visited Self-Reliance.

Shilpa Patel
Washington, D.C.

Proud Among Many

WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., last summer to join in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Peace Corps, I went to see Self-Reliance. There it was among the entries from around the world, looking like a New England farmhouse—but sustainable!

It was fun to talk with the students staffing the project and to learn of all the benefits included in the enterprise. Also to learn in Kevin Redmon's story that save one less rainy day, Midd would have won. Congratulations to all. I am a proud alum among many, no doubt.

Don McLean '64
Boulder, Colorado

Typed on a 1988 Mac

JUST A NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS on the recent issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. I very much enjoyed the editor's note on "plugging in." I had read Pico Iyer's piece in the *New York Times*, and that, combined with the editor's heady observations, needs to be heeded more than I fear they will be.

Actually, I live on the flip side of that coin, still by the whale-oil lamp, if you will, with no knowledge of the Internet. The only piece of technology I possess is this machine I am writing on, a 1988 Mac SE with its attendant Image Writer II printer.

Like the editor, I am disturbed by our culture's overriding desire to stay connected by such artificial means. In the summer months of tourist season, when I see couples walking down the streets of Rockland, Maine, holding hands, while the other hand is pressed to their ear with an iPod, cell phone, or whatever, I don't think it speaks well for the future of human intimacy.

Also, I'd like to compliment the magazine staff for running that lengthy and enlightening article on the Self-Reliance project. What a stunning success that turned out to be, and I feel I have a very indirect connection to the whole thing, having worked shoulder to shoulder with one of the student participants—Abe Bendheim '10.

A few years back, Abe's father, Andrew, built a summer place down in this neck of the woods, and I helped log off the property and clear the land for him. Abe often worked along with his father and me on that job, and I can't recall ever meeting a more intelligent, industrious, and dedicated young man—a "one off" in the best sense of the term. So it is not surprising to learn that a band of such stalwarts as Abe could combine their talents to accumulate all those accolades down in Washington with their innovative housing design.

A high five should also go to President Liebowitz's wife Jessica for her intuitive

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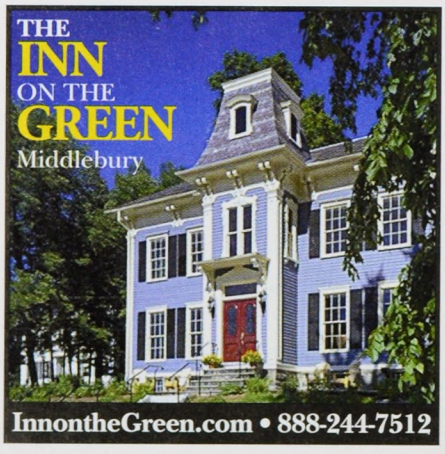

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George Carey '58
Tenant's Harbor, Maine

Where Will You Be?

THANKS FOR WRITING ABOUT A GROWING PROBLEM of the young ("A Heads Up," winter 2012). I worry that children's skills of writing, speaking, and connecting with others is being damaged with the constant use of cell phones and laptops. Most of what is communicated electronically (Where are you now?) is of little importance. Let's encourage our bright young students to sharpen their person-to-person communications.

Richard Gariepy '59
Barre, Massachusetts

Keep Your Head Up

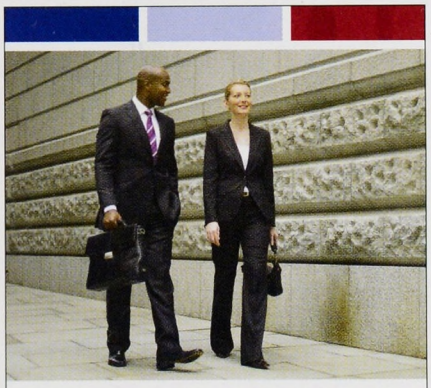
I WAS VERY EXCITED TO READ MATT JENNINGS'S VIEWFINDER COLUMN ("A Heads Up") in the latest issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. I feel that it was the Middlebury experience itself that taught me to appreciate my immediate surroundings and the people in them, and I have kept this as a philosophy all these (19) years since graduating.

Technology has not infiltrated every aspect of my life, and that's how I want it. My life is very full; there's plenty for me to do and enjoy without technological distractions. My husband and I are teaching our kids to pay attention to the world around them and not to screens, but we are in the minority.

I said I was excited to read the column …well, that excitement turned to sadness and then dread when I was forced to imagine what these electronic nuisances would do to a college campus.

I agree wholeheartedly with the blog Matt quoted by [Dean of the College] Shirley Collado. There is nothing sadder than the image of a college—especially a gorgeous, vibrant one like Middlebury—full of students with their heads down.

I'm glad I didn't have to compete with a computer for a person's attention when



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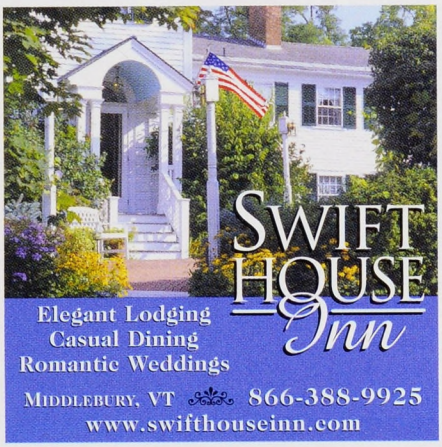

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I was in school, but I fear that that is what my children will have to do.

Jennifer Normandin Locke '93
Londonderry, New Hampshire

Freedoms Threatened

UNLIKE MOST OTHERS, I leaf through the alumni magazine when it arrives, in search of something that might instigate a satirical cartoon, poem, or essay. My visceral questioning and challenging was not learned at college as a student, but rather as a professor confronted with corrupt professors and administrators (not at Middlebury). Such first-hand confrontation can accord someone far greater insight (and creativity) than someone possessing mere knowledge. It is sad that alumni magazines such as *Middlebury Magazine* do not offer even a minor rubric for "inappropriate" criticism of the institution. After all, without such criticism, problems seem inexistent and, without problems, why try to improve?

Because of the smiley-face nature of such mags, a certain insincerity is reflected, as if they were nothing but advertisements for the institution. Sadly, many student newspapers have become similar to alumni mags in that respect. Previously, I'd sent a satirical watercolor on Middlebury, but it was unsurprisingly rejected. And what about Middlebury's shameful red-light designation by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education? ("A red light university has at least one policy that both clearly and substantially restricts freedom of speech.") Why the silence with that regard?

In any case, I read through the president's column ("On the Road in Asia") and found it typically happy-face positive, replete with the unoriginal jargon of the day, as in "global footprint," "global orientation," "global outlook," and "to think globally" "in a globalized world." Whew. The column could have been written for any number of hack politicians.

What attracted my attention, however, was the "10 Things You Never Heard of 10 Years Ago at Middlebury." The copycat phenomenon in higher education is rampant. When one college does it, they all do it. So, Middlebury has All-Gender Housing. Whoopee! But does it now

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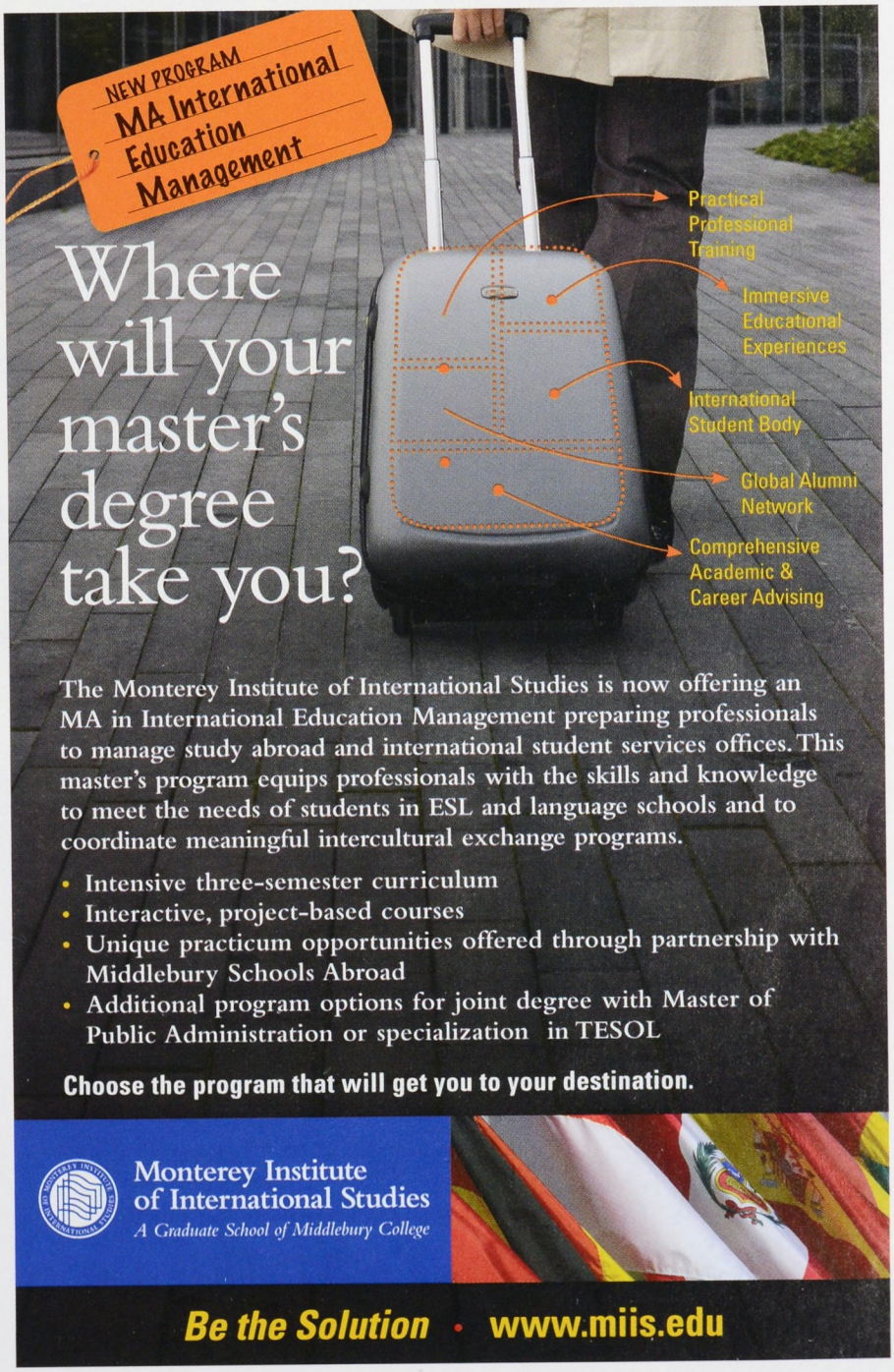
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have All-Gender Bathrooms? And if not, why not? So, Middlebury has an Office of Sustainability. Is that original, or green copycat? Hopefully, freedom of expression is permitted (and encouraged), not just PC, regarding the global-warming controversy. Finally, one would be hard-pressed to find a college today that did not have a Chief Diversity Officer—once again, the copycat phenomenon. But why not be original, Middlebury, and institute a Chief Democracy Officer? He or she would be responsible for assuring (and encouraging!) freedom of speech on campus—the open expression of all ideas, including visceral criticism of the college president. Now, can you think of one college that has such an officer? I can't.

George Slone, MA French '80
Barnstable, Massachusetts

Department of Corrections

DUE TO AN EDITORIAL ERROR, the following information was left out of last issue's story, "Depth of Field": "Trevor Snapp is exploring other ways to make his work relevant by collaborating with the online literary organization, Triple Canopy, to create a wider platform for in-depth visual stories. Meanwhile, he is assembling an exhibition of large photographs showing the impacts of small arms in South Sudan and has considered exhibiting on newsprint, as well, to make the story more distributable. He imagines people in Sudan tearing up images and pasting them in their homes, or Americans coming across a city wall, papered in photographs.

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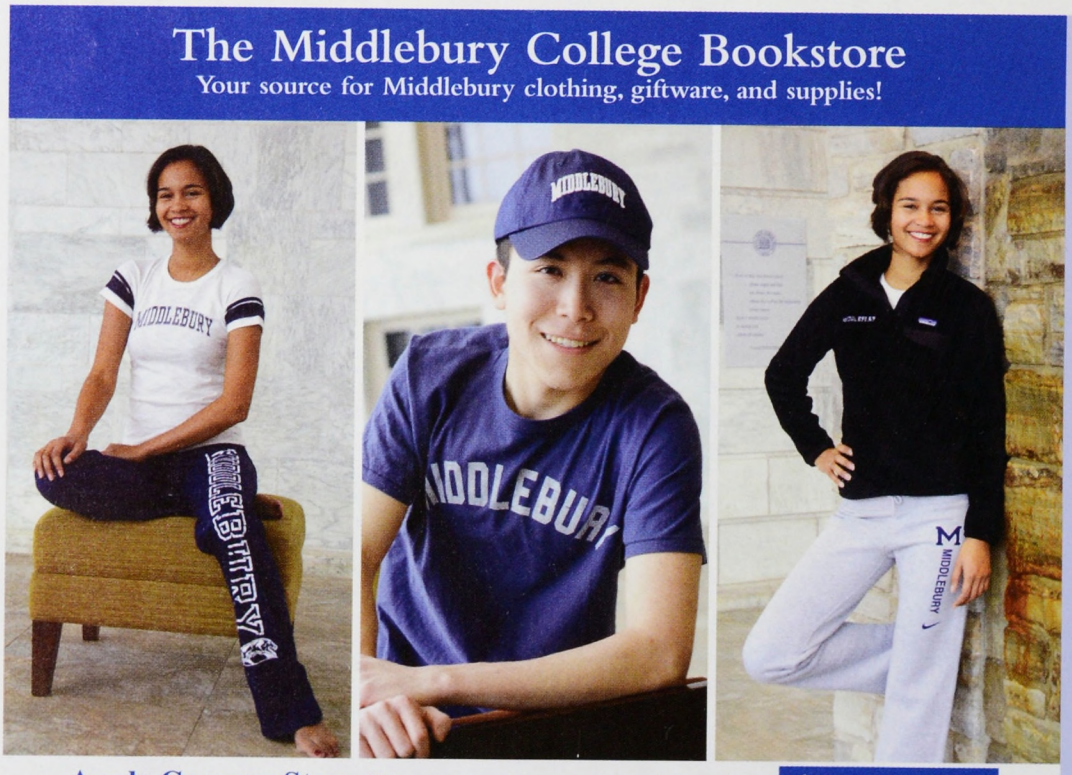
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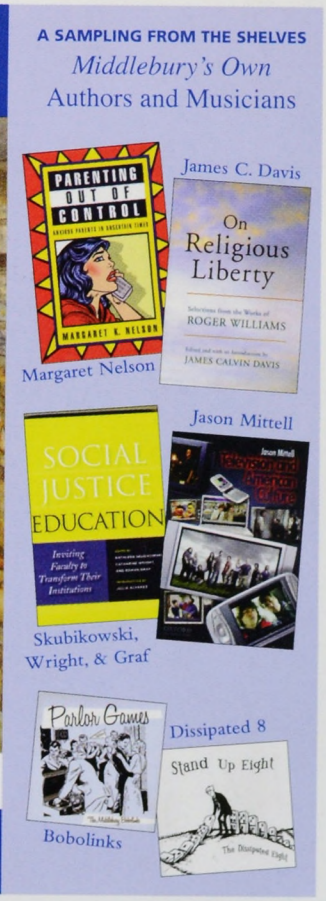

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Other Mag Mentions

■ Our winter issue story that detailed the accomplishments of Middlebury's 2011 Solar Decathlon team and what said achievement could mean for the future of the liberal arts attracted not only letters to the magazine but Twitter mentions and blog postings. Our favorite might have been this discourse published by the communications-consulting firm Zehno Cross: www.zehno.com/news-resources/a-liberal-arts-degree/.

■ Perhaps our favorite sentence relating to the magazine came from the blog *Nolassalon* (http://danieltrosclair.wordpress.com/). In a posting on February 24, the author wrote: "Sure, I wasn't one of the dodecalingual, hendecacurricular, decathletic, nonanational, octoinstrumental, heptadenominational, hexamajoring, quintessential, quadextrous, triracial, bisexual, and unique students of the kind featured in *Middlebury Magazine*, but I still had a future in which I could've been a contender."

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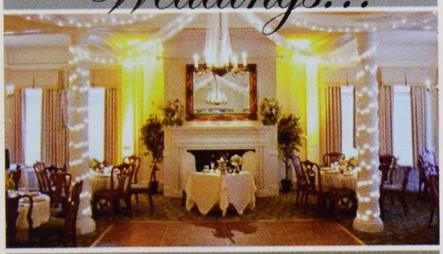

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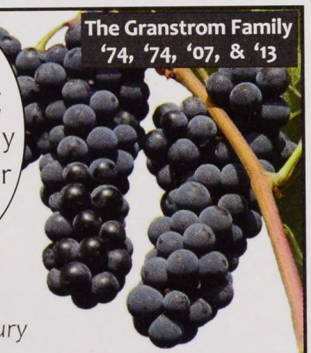

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■ Finally, our own Pamela Fogg, the uber-talented art director of this periodical, bravely submitted to eight questions posited by the curmudgeonly editor of the blog *UMagazinology* (umagazinology.jhu.edu/). We thought we knew Pamela pretty well, but had no idea that "constantly flexing [her] personality to work with so many different types of people to get the job done," causes her "to feel like Gumby on most days…"!

Letters Policy

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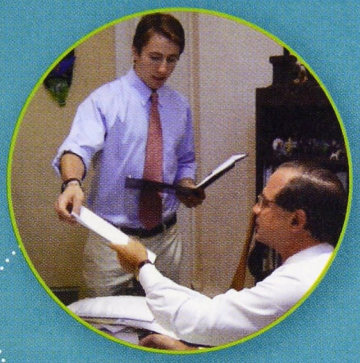

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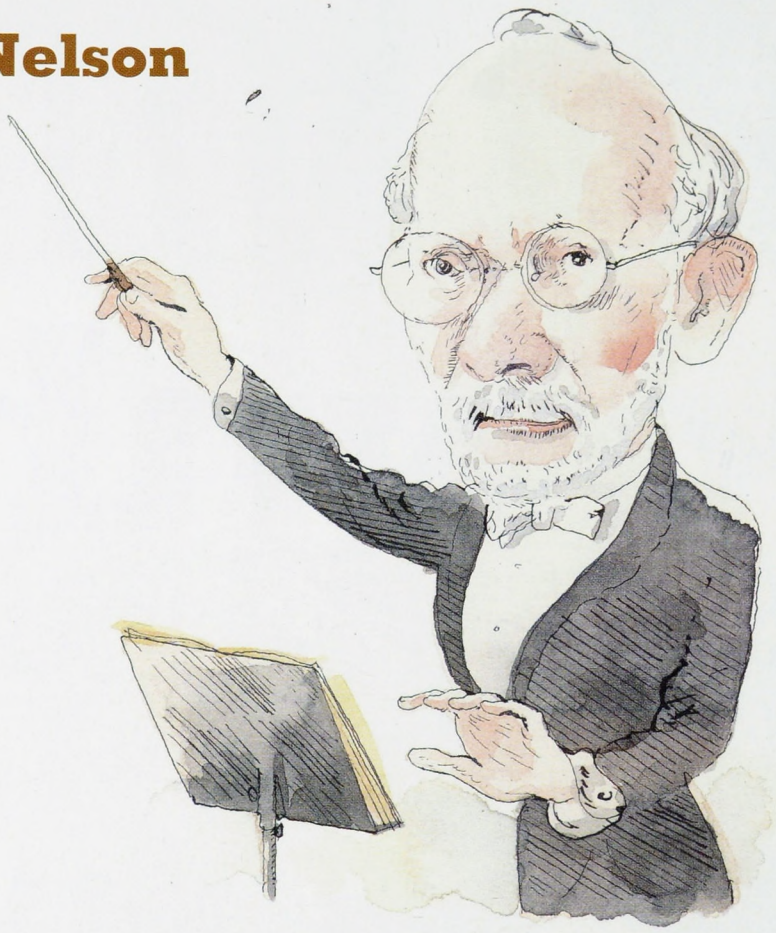
SPRING SHOWERS
Rain or shine, there's not a lot that stops the springtime Panthers from making the most of their athletic seasons. Photograph by Bob Handelman

What Paul Nelson Conducted

By Jay Heinrichs '77



On a brilliant fall day in 1973, Paul Nelson passed me a golden gift that I have prized ever since. A small group of Poli Sci 101 students had gathered to discuss Plato's entertaining, maddening book, *The Republic.* Before coming to Middlebury I had never heard of Plato; and here I was, slouched at a table in a Warner seminar room with a dozen other freshmen, mulling the morality of a shepherd named Gyges. I thought of that moment when I heard that this ageless man, this tireless conductor of thought, was actually retiring.

In Book II of *The Republic,* this cad finds a gold ring that makes him invisible. In short order Gyges hooks up with the queen and, with the queen's help, murders the king and sets himself on the throne. The story serves as a kind of experiment to see whether social pressure dictates one's virtue. Can any human, unobserved, anonymous, behave well? (You might say that Gyges foreshadowed both the Internet and Super Pacs.)

Being a late-blooming adolescent, I was less interested in the philosophical question than in the randy queen. The experiment seemed less than pure; after all, not every invisible aspirant to a throne would find such a willing coconspirator. Gathering my courage, I spoke up. "What about the queen? I mean, doesn't she sort of, you know, spoil the ethical question?"

Paul Nelson frowned.

I blushed.

And then came the gift. "That hadn't occurred to me," he said.

It *hadn't?* I stared at him, sure he was lying. This bearded sage looked exactly the way Aristotle must have: professorial, probing, peripatetic, impossibly lean. Philosophy whooshed from Mr. Nelson's mouth as though the ancients themselves spoke through it. And he was ancient himself! Surely he had reread *The Republic* sufficiently to have memorized it, possibly in Greek. And the queen question had never occurred to him?

In the four decades since, while Mr. Nelson donned the grand title of G. Nye and A. Walker Boardman Professor of Mental and Moral Science, his outward appearance remained unchanged. Many thoughts have doubtless occurred to him over those years, as much from the works of his beloved mentor, the philosopher Michael Oakeshott, as from the mouths of tabulae rasae like me. Paul Nelson was the most brilliant listener, showing patient curiosity in the rhetoric of Henry Kissinger, my senior thesis topic. He went on to direct the performing arts series at Middlebury. And he became a scholar of rhetoric himself, spending his last sabbatical in London in the study of 19th-century British sportswriters.

An illiberal mind may ask what a philosopher can glean from the rhetoric of long-dead Limey sportswriters. The answer lies in one golden moment in Warner. For this was Paul's gift, this is what he conducted:

A liberal education comes not so much from the four-year pursuit of knowledge. It comes from welcoming, over a lifetime, the occurrence of thought.

Jay Heinrichs is the author of Thank You for Arguing *and* Word Hero.

Illustration by Barry Blitt

Jumbled Landscape We asked Middlebury's landscape horticulturist Tim Parsons to tell us his 10 favorite first-blooming spring trees around campus. You can see for yourself—once you unscramble the common names below. For help, check out Tim's blog at blogs.middlebury.edu/middland, or take a peek on page 19 for the answers. Take the tree tour at http://blogs.middlebury.edu/middmag/2011/06/07/tree-tour/

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Jump!

More than 35 Middlebury students are certified at the level of emergency medical technician-basic. As active members of the Student Emergency Response Team they carry bright red backpacks—called Jump Bags—filled with the medical gear they need to do their jobs.

Glucose
Quickly raises blood sugar levels in a diabetic emergency.
Sanitizer
Used to wash hands immediately after a call.
CPR Mask
Safely delivers breaths with protection from infectious secretions.
Pad and Pen
To record personal info, history, vital signs, etc.
Pulse Oximeter
Measures percentage of blood that is oxygenated.
SAM Splint
Malleable splint becomes rigid when folded to immobilize bones or joints.
Activated Charcoal
Binds to toxins to prevent absorption in poisoning or overdose situation.
Trauma Shears
Quickly exposes a wound for further inspection; useful in cutting off a seatbelt.

Photograph by Tad Merrick

Observed

■ **President Liebowitz announced in March** that Board of Trustees chair Rick Fritz '68 will step down in June, and Marna C. Whittington, currently a vice chair, will succeed him. Fritz has been a Middlebury trustee since 1999 and became chair of the board in 2004. His eight-year tenure as chair has been distinguished by several major institutional accomplishments. After stepping down, he will continue to serve as a full member of the board. ■ **When the New York Musical Theatre Festival** announced its selections for the 2012 Next Link Project, *My Ohio: A Swing State Duet* by Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre Dana Yeaton '79—with music by Andy Mitton '01—was one of them. The works will be presented as part of the ninth annual festival, which will run July 9–29. ■ **His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama**, spiritual leader of Tibet and winner of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize, will visit the campus in the fall to deliver two lectures—one to the campus community and another open to the general public—on October 12–13. President Liebowitz notes that the purpose of the talks is to help people explore resources for hope, optimism, and cooperation, while challenging them to lead lives of courage and engagement. ■ **In other Old Chapel news**, Tim Spears, currently vice president for administration and professor of American studies—as well as

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Five Minutes with . . . Laurel Kelliher

Laurel Kelliher is a senior nurse practitioner at the Parton Health and Counseling Center on campus. She's used to seeing students at their worst but is glad she can help them feel better. Here are some of her thoughts on being a bright spot in the students' bad days.

On changes in the field

General medical care for adolescents seems more complex—not just here but everywhere. There is more asthma and chronic illness like celiac disease, and more antibiotic resistance. Also, since I came to Middlebury in 2005, there has been a lot more parental involvement.

On being a nurse practitioner

I have advanced training as a nurse practitioner. I can make a diagnosis; order studies like X-rays, ECGs, labs, and MRIs—and interpret those studies; and prescribe medicine. I have a different focus and approach than a physician might because of my nursing background.

On college kids

I've cared for everyone from newborns to the elderly, but I love adolescent health the best. At this age there is a great motivation to take charge of your own health. I spend a lot of time encouraging healthy habits to prevent illness. And students actually listen to and adhere to my recommendations (most of the time). But they keep me on my toes. I have to do lots of research to stay ahead of them!

The best part of the job

When I see students in their element, playing sports or performing, I am overwhelmed by their talents. I really try to get to different events to see them as they really are—not when they are at their worst and sick! Several times a year, I get an e-mail from a student thanking me for the care and compassion I gave and it makes me feel so satisfied to know that I was there at a crucial time.

On viruses

We saw a lot of students at the Health Center this winter with gastroenteritis, and I think there were many more who were affected but did not get in touch or come in. I have had gastroenteritis a number of times. It is miserable, however it's pretty short-lived! Thank goodness. I have never had influenza; I always get my flu shot.

Dream job?

This is exactly what I want to be doing. I loved family practice, and I would definitely consider Doctors Without Borders, but to have the opportunity to work with this age group is truly a gift.

It's All Latin To Us

Our clever classics department has a nifty Latin translating tool on its website. Test your knowledge here, then visit www.middlebury.edu/academics/clas/resources/ challenge for answers (or take a peek below).

A. Alea iacta est
B. Rem tene; verba sequenter
C. Veni, vidi, vici
D. Nil posse creari de nilo
E. Facilis descensus Auerni
F. Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit
G. Celerius quam asparagi cocuntur
H. Tempus edax rerum
I. Mens sana in corpore sano

The Answers

A. "The die is cast"
B. "Grasp the substance; the words will follow"
C. "I came, I saw, I conquered"
D. "Nothing can be created from nothing"
E. "Easy is the descent to hell"
F. "Perhaps one day we shall look back on this and laugh"
G. "Quicker than boiled asparagus"
H. "Time the devourer of all things"
I. "A healthy mind in a healthy body"

Photograph by Brett Simison

Spring Cleaning!
Facilities Services came across this spring-cleaning relic last fall on the Bread Loaf campus. Tucked away in the attic of Maple, "The Rapid," as this antique sweeper was known, was manufactured by the Goshen Sweeper Company in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "As near as we can figure, it's from the late 1800s or early 1900s," says Missy Beckwith, assistant director of support services. "And it's still in pretty good shape!"

Born This Way? Every spring, Middlebury's Posse Foundation scholars participate in the Posse Plus retreat, in which they invite non-Posse students, faculty, and staff to join them for the weekend to discuss an important issue of common interest. The retreats take place nationwide, and this year's topic was "Born This Way? Gender + Sexuality." Middlebury's group discussed how gender and sexuality affect their college experience and identity. In this photo, participants are following through with an activity that asked them to complete the thought, "If you knew me, you'd know that ..." From left: Kayleigh Esswein '15; Jeffrey Kent '13; Phillip Williams '15; Tara Affolter, visiting assistant professor of education studies; and Cindy Alvarado '15.

Answers to Jumbled Landscape page 17

1. flowering dogwood
2. snowdrift crabapples
3. little leaf linden
4. yellowwood
5. serviceberry
6. magnolia
7. tuliptree
8. flowering cherry
9. Ohio buckeye
10. pagoda dogwood

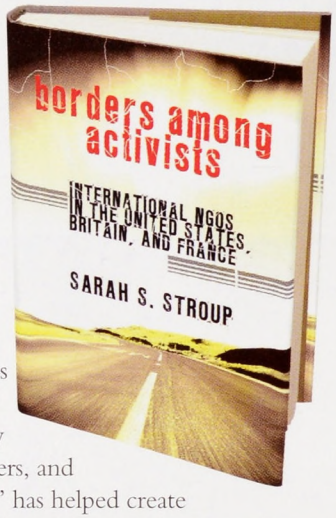
acting provost from 2008–09—will become vice president for academic affairs in the fall. Spears has more than a decade of administrative experience and has contributed notably to the College thus far, especially in his role as chair of the Staff Resources Committee and in serving on the Budget Oversight Committee during the challenging 2008–09 recession. ■ **Spring is the time to recognize faculty and staff achievements**, which include various articles, creative works, and publications. This year's celebratory receptions featured, among many others, articles by political scientist Erik Bleich on "Islamophobia," biologist Susan DeSimone on the dangers of weight-loss drugs, and environmental studies guru Chris McGrory Klyza on climate change and U.S. land policy. Kirsten Hoving had an exhibition of photographs at Central Booking Gallery in New York, and Hedya Klein included her artwork in a show at Union College in Schenectady. ■ **When Davis Family Library patrons** expressed some frustration about the increasing occurrence of not-so-quiet cell phone conversations, library staff set out to find a solution. As of this spring, two nearly soundproof cell phone booths have been located on the upper level of the library and are available for use. Already quite popular, it's yet to be determined if they will also serve as a modern version of Superman's changing room.

Photographs by Tad Merrick, Jun Chen '13

Border Activism

Assistant Professor of Political Science Sarah Stroup's book, Borders Among Activists *(Cornell University Press, 2012), explores transnational activism. Here are some of her thoughts on her research, its challenges, and her hopes for the future.*

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVISTS work for political and social change across borders—such as human rights activists pushing for the suspension of Libya's membership on the United Nations Human Rights Council last spring—or to change their own government's policy, as when 350.org members networked with activists in Durban, South Africa, to ensure the U.S. government continued negotiations on a global climate action treaty.



Recent technological changes have allowed citizen action to be organized quickly and broadly within countries and across borders, and the concept of "national interest" has helped create opportunities on issues like global warming and human rights. Global activists have had some major victories—stalling global trade negotiations in Seattle in 1999, successfully campaigning for third-world debt relief in 2000, and convincing states and the U.N. to invest record amounts in HIV/AIDs treatment and prevention in sub-Saharan Africa.

I graduated from Dartmouth in 2000 and planned to study Chinese foreign policy at Berkeley starting September 2001. Within weeks, the U.S. saw too clearly how the power of non-state actors can change global politics. I began to explore how non-state actors—terrorist groups, corporations, international NGOs (INGOs), even the Catholic Church—work to change state behavior, and quickly realized we didn't know all that much. We might hear that Human Rights Watch condemns a particular government policy, or that Coldplay and Annie Lennox support Oxfam, but what do we really know about how these organizations choose particular structures and strategies?

Some of the leading INGOs are well aware of the advantages and disadvantages of being based in just a few countries. A base in the U.S., for example, allows access to enormous financial support from the government and citizens through charity, but could also brand you in a way that inhibits your ability to do work abroad. So those that have the capacity to reorganize and expand their global structures are doing so, and I foresee a growing divide between a small group of wealthy and truly international leaders and a much larger group of NGOs that have fewer resources but a more narrow focus and strong local contacts and expertise. Cooperation among members of the two groups will determine the political power of the NGO sector.

Bookshelf

Shakespeare's Ocean
DAN BRAYTON
(University of Virginia Press, 2012)

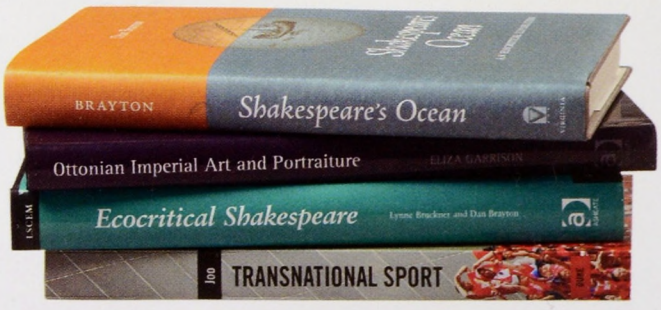
CAN READING, writing about, and teaching Shakespeare help contribute to the health of the planet? Founded on his own love of the water and sailing, this refreshing book by Associate Professor of English and American Literatures Dan Brayton offers a new perspective in ecocritical scholarship. And it's worthy to note for this readership that Brayton co-edited a previous collection of essays on the same topic with Lynne Dickson Bruckner '86, *Ecocritical Shakespeare* (Ashgate Publishing, 2011), after the two were introduced by none other than College Professor Emeritus John Elder.

Ottonian Imperial Art and Portraiture: The Artistic Patronage of Otto III and Henry II
ELIZA GARRISON
(Ashgate Publishing, 2012)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY OF ART AND ARCHITECTURE Eliza Garrison analyzes liturgical artworks created for Ottonian Emperors Otto III (983-1002) and Henry II (1002-1024) with the larger goal of addressing the ways in which individual art objects and the collections to which they belonged were perceived as elements of a material historical narrative and as portraits. Since these objects and images had the capacity to stand in for the ruler in his physical absence, she argues, they also performed political functions that were bound to their ritualized use in the liturgy not only during the ruler's lifetime, but also even after his death.

Transnational Sport: Gender, Media, and Global Korea
RACHAEL MIYUNG JOO
(Duke University Press, 2012)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES Rachael Miyung Joo, using ethnographic research in Seoul and Los Angeles, tells how sports shape experiences of global Korean-ness, and how those experiences are affected by national cultures. Celebrity Korean women athletes, highly visible in the Ladies Professional Golf Association, are represented in the media as daughters to be protected within the patriarchal Korean family and as hypersexualized Asian women with commercial appeal. Meanwhile, the hard-muscled bodies of male athletes symbolize Korean masculine dominance in the global capitalist arena. Joo discusses the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan, a watershed moment in recent Korean history.



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Quote/Unquote

"While the scientists were talking patiently into our leaders' ears, the fossil-fuel industry has been screaming into the other," he says. "We're no closer to dealing with climate change than we were in the late 1980s."

—*Scholar in Residence Bill McKibben, in a March 12* Time *magazine article titled "Cold Warrior" by Bryan Walsh.*

Tweets (and Re-Tweets) A random list of College-related tweets from January through March is printed below. Are you part of the conversation @ Middlebury?

Middlebury Mar 14, 4:32pm
Prof. Matt Dickinson in *U.S. News*: "By Staying in the Race, Gingrich Helps Romney."

Middlebury Feb 15, 3:56pm
Scientist assassinations will only bolster Iranians' resolve says Monterey Institute's Avner Cohen.

Middlebury Mar 10, 8:14am
Amazing season for Midd men's basketball ends at the buzzer with upset by Scranton.

Middlebury Mar 06, 11:54am
"Larry Summers Is Wrong About Languages" by VP of Language Schools Michael Geisler in *Inside Higher Ed.*

Middlebury Feb 24, 11:33am
It's Winter Carnival weekend at Middlebury, with ski races, the ice show, and the Winter Carnival Ball.

[Syllabus]

Course Title Education in the USA

Instructor Tara Affolter

Description What roles do schools play in educating citizens in a democracy for a democracy? This course examines education in the United States from a number of different perspectives. Ultimately, we will be gathering information to consider and interrogate the role schools can play in challenging different forms of social oppression. Students should be prepared to engage in intellectually rigorous discussions around important educational issues.

Reading

John Dewey, *Experience and Education*
Alex Haley, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
Gregory Michie, *Holler If You Hear Me: The Education of a Teacher and His Students*
Walter Parker, *Teaching Democracy: Unity and Diversity in Public Life*
Jamin Raskin, *We the Students*

Affolter says "Students engage in this course in really fascinating ways. We all have experience with an education system of some form so it is relevant on a personal level, but beyond that, I have marveled at students' willingness to struggle with concepts that they had not really critically examined previously. We take on issues that may seem 'neutral' on the surface (such as academic tracking) and examine how such policies may contribute to inequity. It is not uncommon for me to hear students say, 'I have never thought about this before.' When I hear that, I feel I am earning my keep."

Make Some Noise

With the live music culture all but extinct, some Midd students took action.

By Robert Keren

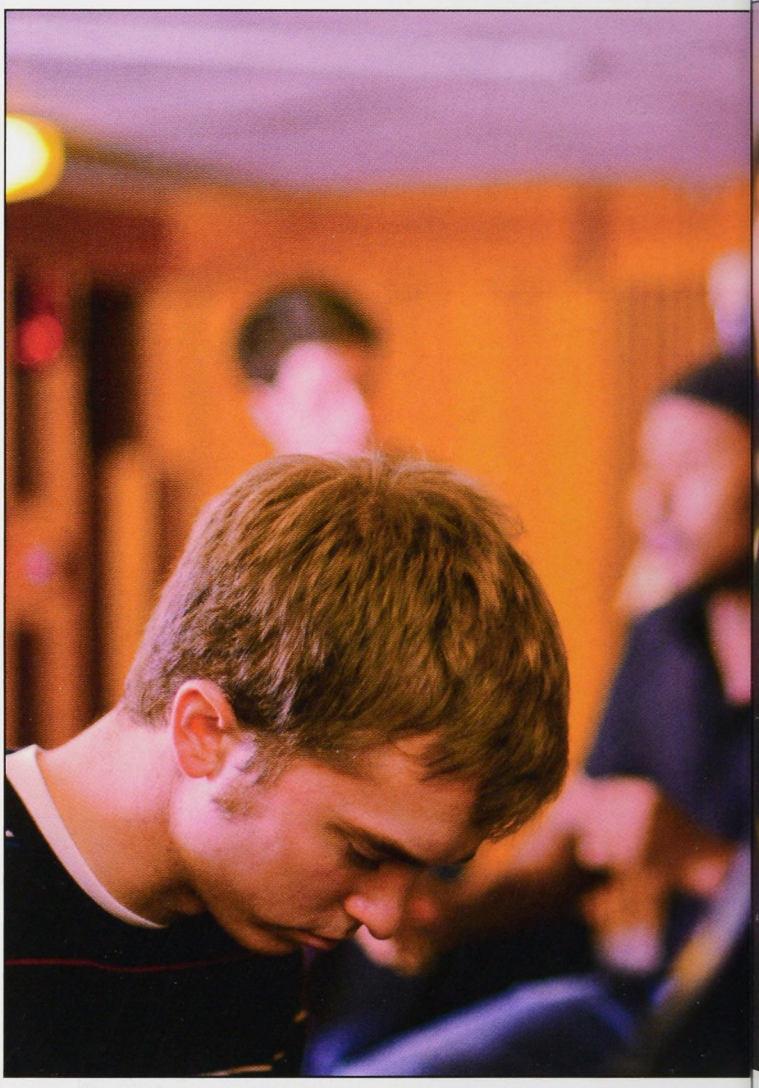
Until recently, if you were in a student band at Middlebury and wanted to practice, there were steps you had to take before you could plug in your amp. First you had to reserve the only practice room on campus, which is in the Service Building under the smokestack, and before you showed up at the appointed time, you had to swing by the Public Safety office on South Main Street, show your student ID, and grab the key that would unlock the door at the Service Building. Meanwhile, your bandmates were probably shivering in the cold, cursing the process, wondering why they even bothered to be in a band in the first place, and gosh wasn't it cold, and where *were* you with that key? Needless to say, not a lot of folks would choose to put themselves in this scenario.

Which is why the students in the Middlebury Musicians Guild—now called Middlebury Music United, or MMU—lobbied College administrators last fall to have keypad entry locks installed on the doors to both the practice room and the recording studio (across campus in the Freeman International Center) so that members of MMU could easily gain access to either space.

And this was only the beginning of a concerted effort by MMU to revive a flagging social culture built around live music at Middlebury. Since September, the group has acquired a slew of new equipment for the practice, performance, and recording of live music. It is providing resources for shows, planning a singer-songwriter workshop for students, and sending out weekly e-mails about live music events. It has developed an iPhone app, called MMU on Air, that will map all the live music events on campus. It uses Twitter (@middmusic) to call attention to the live music scene. Its new website is a sort of Craigslist-meets-Match.com for student musicians. (For instance, if your band is looking for a female vocalist, you might find one on middmusic.com.) And MMU members got involved with this winter term's MiddCORE course—students take on real challenges facing for-profit and social enterprises—by providing recorded music tracks that students in the class endeavored to package and sell.

"When we arrived at Middlebury in the spring of 2010, there was no community of student musicians here," says Parker Woodworth '13, an MMU cofounder. "It was as if the music had just disappeared for us. So Mike [Gadomski '13] and I decided we needed to create a culture where student musicians will want to play music for its own sake, where playing music is not an obligation."

"A complaint you hear all the time is that there's no



SHOW OF TALENT
Until recently, students would arrive at Midd with their instruments and then wouldn't touch them again. That's starting to change.

Photograph by Brendan Mahoney '11

good way to meet new people here, and it's because people don't venture outside their close circle of friends," adds Gadomski.

"We are trying to create a middle ground around the music, so it's not so hard to meet people," says Woodworth. "Let's say I am at a show where one of my friends is performing, and you're at the same show because one of your friends is performing, too. Now we have something in common, something to talk about. It is much more conducive to meet people in a coffeehouse atmosphere than at a DJ party with the music blaring."

"Our job in MMU is to create fertile conditions so the music scene will grow on its own," Gadomski explains. "We don't want to be the ones presenting the shows. That's MCAB's job." (MCAB is the Middlebury College Activities Board.) "But we can help make it happen by providing the infrastructure"—like user-friendly keypads instead of locked doors—"to encourage student-musicians here."

Middlebury is, after all, where the band Dispatch got its start and where solo acts like Courtney Brocks '01 and Anais Mitchell '04 cut their teeth. It's where the rock group Throw Like a Girl was touted in the *Campus* in 1998 as "Middlebury's first girl art-core band and one hell of a live show." So what has happened to live music at Middlebury? Theories abound, but there's general agreement about the primary cause of the decline: Middlebury students work so hard in and out of the classroom that they barely have time for more than one other major pursuit; and since there was no formal effort to support live music, students preferred activities with fewer obstacles.

> **"When we arrived at Middlebury in 2010, there was no community of student musicians here."**

Another reason for the decline of student-generated music is the shift toward live DJs and solo production (think Apple's GarageBand) and away from jam sessions and performing bands. That shift is something that musician Matt Bonner '91 understands well. "The music scene when I was a student was like night and day from what it is now," he says. "Twenty years ago, there were always three or four well-known bands on campus, meaning that on any given weekend at least one band was playing somewhere at Middlebury."

An independent musician and producer of digital media (mattbonner.com), Bonner was a guitarist in Yukon Time, a rock-reggae hybrid band that played gigs on campus. "We were pretty good," he says with a laugh, "at least in the context of being a party band." And according to reports, they still are good. Bonner and his bandmates—Josh Sarkis '91, Rodrigo Prudencio '91, Barney Hodges '91, and Andy Wiemeyer '94—played last June during Reunion Weekend at 51 Main, the College's off-campus performance space.

Bonner is collaborating with MMU to rekindle the live music scene at the College. "One thing that would be really cool would be a student-driven music label at Middlebury, so people can write, record, produce, and mix their own stuff, and then get it out using digital distribution services. It would not be a 'pretend' label; it would be a real label with real people making high-quality music."

Bonner and Woodworth recently had a conversation with President Liebowitz about equipping the recording studio to support the concept of a student-run record label. The duo is now exploring the idea of an alumni music festival to celebrate Middlebury's musical legacy and raise funds for the studio. (Imagine, for a moment, the return of Dispatch and Anais Mitchell!)

"To have original music coming out of Middlebury would be good for musicians, good for our students, and good for outsiders looking at our college for the first time," says Gadomski, whose rock band Thank God for Mississippi attracted quite a following on campus last semester.

"We have amazing students," adds Woodworth, who, like Gadomski, plays electric guitar. "Look at the Solar Decathlon team and all that they accomplished: We don't have programs in *any* of those things, and yet somehow we are competing with students who study engineering at the graduate level. We have kids capable of being part of the real-world playing field in any number of areas, and music could be one of those."

Peter Hamlin '73, the Christian A. Johnson Professor of Music, sees what MMU is doing in the context of a liberal arts education. He has been the adviser to the Musicians Guild/Music United since its founding in 2004. "Now it's seven years later and we have Mike and Parker diving in," he observes. "It's a thrill to watch them operate. One of the president's themes has been to allow students to use their own leadership and creativity and give them a measure of autonomy to follow through on the things they are passionate about. The MMU today is just a perfect example of that."

nature's best

With a warming planet confronting the next generation, a group of ambitious educators offers a ray of hope.

By Maria Theresa Stadtmueller **Photographs by Max S. Gerber**

RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 22 MILLION TEENAGERS ATTENDING U.S. HIGH SCHOOLS. Conventional wisdom holds that they're preparing for their futures by studying, working, planning for college, and flexing their independence. But a global crisis faces these 22 million kids—one unprecedented in human history. It will likely be the defining challenge of their lives and our era, and convention has left them woefully unprepared.

To California entreprenuer Mike Haas, the public's ignorance of climate change—what it is and what it portends—borders on injustice. "Every person out there has a right to know what 98 percent of climate scientists are saying," Haas explained by phone from his office in Oakland. "There's far too big a gap between what scientists know about the threat and what the public understands." A gap, indeed: only 62 percent of Americans recently surveyed believe climate change is occurring; only 46 percent consider it man-made. Twenty-six percent don't believe the climate is changing, and 12 percent are unsure—and these figures are the best in years.* Haas, who founded Orion Energy Group LLC and cofounded Renewable Development Company Ltd., renewable energy businesses in the U.K. and U.S. that together have powered a million homes with zero-carbon electricity, wanted to close that gap. Legislatures were polarized and environmental groups couldn't seem to convince the public that the science was in and the prospects were stark. Haas considered his options: Should he buy billboards? Develop a curriculum? Hire a lobbyist?

"With all that I've done over the last 20 years, it's just not enough," he told a family friend he'd invited to his office. Haas wanted help with a project: it was a left-field idea, there was no structure yet, but he wanted to start a nonprofit that somehow addressed climate change. Immediately, his friend, Blakely Anderson Atherton '92, was on board. The former English lit major had spent years leading marketing efforts for start-ups and non-profits and was eager to help Haas. "I loved the challenge of creating something new to solve a problem that's so big," she recalls about signing on. "We spent a lot of early conversations asking why people weren't acting rationally and changing their behavior if there's climate information out there," she says.

While they thought they could make some headway by pairing the information with clear and emotionally resonant paths to action, their biggest concern was a void: there were no structured climate-education programs in high schools. Yet in the environmental parlance that asks what kind of world will be left to "our children and our children's children," these were the heirs in question.

Three years later, Haas's and Atherton's idea—the Alliance for Climate Education (ACE)—has reached more than a million high school and middle school students with an assembly that combines can't-look-away animation, pumping music, and a young, hip educator up front who's solid on the science. This isn't one of those assemblies teens just shuffle in and out of—ACE couples climate education with a call to action easily answered. About 17,000 students in more than 600 school-based Action Teams nationwide are now working their climate-related projects; in ACE's short history 45,000 students have learned the facts and how to act on them. Almost 1,500 of those students have taken further leadership training to learn how to develop projects and lead people. Students are blogging, tweeting, and Facebooking on climate action. Many have gone on to speak in local and state forums on climate change; two have visited the White House.

The program is free—and the information appears to stick. "I've never seen 500 students so riveted!" is a typical teacher response. Scholar and environmentalist Bill McKibben calls it "the best use of science-class time I can imagine." Even the Dalai Lama has given his blessing. Just two years after its first school presentation, ACE won the 2011 Climate Communicator of the Year Award from the Center for Climate Change Communication at George Mason University.

* *According to the biannual National Survey of American Public Opinion on Climate Change, organized by the Brookings Institute.*

Emily Adler '07,
ACE Manager of
Strategic Partnerships

From its origins in a conversation between friends, the organization has grown to a budget of $3 million and a staff of 35, many of whom are educators in the 14—and growing—regional teams across the country. Meanwhile, of the Oakland headquarters' 11 managers or directors, five have even more in common than their commitment to climate education: they're all Middlebury alumni.

Mike Haas wryly refers to Atherton as "the headwaters of a Middlebury flood." Once the two figured that a school assembly was the most efficient way to spread the climate message, she called in her old friend Pic Walker '93. After majoring in environmental studies and English lit at Middlebury, Walker received an MBA in sustainable business, taught high school environmental studies, consulted with businesses to develop sustainability programs, and led a project to protect wild salmon ecosystems. When Atherton moved to the more family-friendly schedule of senior director, Walker stepped up to the executive director post.

Kara Muraki '08 was finishing her econ and environmental studies course work when Emily Adler '07 blasted an e-mail to the eco-focused Sunday Night Group about a job opening at the ACE start-up. (The Middlebury DNA unzipped like this: Atherton asked assistant director of career services Tracy Himmel Isham to get the word out; Adler was already training Bay Area low-income youth in "green" community development through a Compton Mentor Fellowship, but passed the notice onward. A month after her graduation, Muraki was back home in the Bay Area with her dream job.) Muraki, who as program manager handles data on the hundreds of thousands of students who connect with ACE, says, "When I came, we weren't even incorporated as a nonprofit. It's been a pretty wild ride going from just the idea to teaching students about climate change to a full-grown organization." Post-fellowship, Adler came in. "I can talk with anybody about anything," she lists as a benefit of her international studies and education background. And she does, working with youth leaders and managing strategic partnerships with organizations ranging from the Sierra Student Coalition to Clif Bar.

Scientists were in from the start. Director of Community Engagement Christine Kennelly Nesbit '94 heard about ACE "from the Middlebury grapevine," she says. She was a natural for connecting with science teachers and community leaders about local needs, thanks to her Middlebury degree in biology/environmental studies, Trinity College Dublin graduate degree in environmental sciences, and 10 years working with the science and stakeholders in natural resource projects in the West. Rebecca Anderson, a geoscientist from Williams and the University of Colorado with a fondness for ice cores, enlisted as one of the early educators and the in-house "science guru." Matt Lappé, a Stanford-trained paleoclimate and hydrology specialist who's now an educator in Colorado, grokked the science with Anderson for the early presentations. ACE also built an impressive and active Science Advisory Board that includes four author-members of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The plan was, ACE would be different. The science would be impeccable, but the story would drive it home. The goal (besides slowing climate change) would be to create a generation of young people who knew the science, knew their own potential to act, and who knew—viscerally, emotionally—why action was crucial. Walker, whose conversations about his work are as likely

Blakely Atherton '92, ACE Senior Director and member of the Advisory Board

to include gleanings from mythologist Joseph Campbell and Harvard activist Marshall Ganz as from the latest IPCC report, puts it this way: "Our side has been getting it wrong. We fight over facts and figures, but we're not connecting with values, with the *why*. Values and emotions are what drive us."

ACE got to work on its story. After all, since the primal campfire, stories have relayed values and explained who we are (whether "we" is a group of friends, a family, a culture, or humanity itself). They illustrate how and why we meet challenges, and what happens when we do. The ACE staff decided they would become master storytellers, and that the factual solidity and the emotional pull of their story would make it stand out and get results. As Ganz and others who have dissected the nervous system of narrative argue, a story evokes emotion, which then connects with our values and spurs action far more strongly than bare information can. He notes that a story that shows conditions are not as we expected creates an anxiety that can motivate or paralyze. If the listener's anxiety connects with emotions such as fear, isolation, or self-doubt, she'll retreat from the challenge. Connect that anxiety with anger, solidarity, urgency, and a generous dose of hope, and she'll act. ACE aimed for the second connection.

The early days of crafting that story remind Muraki of what have become favorite ACE mantras: "See what works" and "Fail fast." After a few trial runs and PowerPoints, they decided to bring in Free Range Studios, a design-turned-strategic-storytelling firm

whose commitment to social change has produced videos such as *The Story of Stuff* and the factory-farming exposé *The Meatrix*.

The result is fast-paced, compelling, frightening, and fun. The animated characters and live educator show the consumer culture American kids have inherited and the global mess it creates. And there's an alternative—viewers are also invited to imagine what a more sensible world could look like. Woven throughout is the message that everyone—especially in solidarity with others—can help create the world of their imaginings.

It was time to get the word out. Each staffer spent a large slice of the workday cold-calling schools, local science teachers, and people they knew who knew science teachers or principals, offering them free climate education in their classrooms. As participating teachers referred their colleagues and ACE's network grew, the presentation expanded to assemblies. Each student was now asked to choose a DOT—"Do One Thing"—something personally meaningful and doable. Even the smallest DOT is a commitment that starts students up ACE's "ladder of engagement" and gets them connecting their actions with their values. On the next rung, students form action teams and get grants for school-based projects such as energy monitoring, recycling, organic gardens, a bicycle-powered school dance, or whatever excites them.

As more educators went into schools, ACE's back-end management grew to fit. ACE staffers frequently comment on how the nonprofit runs like a business, where efficiencies are baked in and metrics count. (When I asked Muraki how many of the students who see the presentation respond by giving ACE their information for future engagement, I had an updated report within 10 minutes: it's 20 percent.) The assembly itself occupies a perpetual state of tweak as new science information comes in and ACE learns more about what students want.

ACE educators operate with "flexibility in a framework," the freedom to pause the video and improvise—one educator beatboxes for five minutes—and to emphasize local concerns. In New England, they talk threats to maple sugaring, fall foliage, and skiing; drought and tornadoes can spark the discussion in Kansas. ACE equips its educators with a laptop, projector, and weekly science discussions with the in-house climate experts. The schools need to supply only some students, a blank white wall, and a plug.

Kara Muraki '08, ACE Marketing Manager and Director of Fun

BOARD SHORTS, SHORT SHORTS, AND FLIP-FLOPS were the order of a sunny May morning as about 300 kids from three middle schools filed into the Harwood Union High School auditorium in South Duxbury, Vermont. By 8:15, ACE New England Team educator Brian Stilwell stood in front of a big screen handing out 3x5 sign-up sheets ("recycled content" clearly marked) so students who wanted to choose a DOT and start an ACE Action Team could sign up. Squirrelly kids bounced to the hip-hop on the PA and chatted with friends.

Like many ACE assemblies, this one brought together students with different levels of climate consciousness. Crossett Brook Middle School science teacher Wendy Moore, who prompted the assembly, had already coached her students in getting a $50,000 grant to outfit their school with solar panels and in switching out the light bulbs. Meanwhile, a burly boy with a buzz cut and a skinny, solicitous friend had already crumpled their sign-up sheets while complaining about having to hear "climate crap." Most of the students probably fit somewhere in between.

Juvenile humor notwithstanding, kids parroting what they've heard elsewhere shows the strength of a decades-long, high-priced campaign to stir doubt and stifle action on the climate crisis. Take the delay tactic of calling climate change "just a theory." As Middlebury physics professor Rich Wolfson explains, a "theory" in lay terms often means a guess that could be wrong. Not so in scientific use, where "a theory is an overarching, solidly established, and coherent conceptual framework that explains myriad observed phenomena," he says. "Leading theories in science—relativity, evolution—have been tested over and over against reality and adjusted when observations conflict. The fundamental physical principles that govern climate fall into this category. That is not to say we know all the details of climate processes. But it rules out claims that climate change has no anthropogenic basis."

Back at the assembly, students fidgeted in their seats as they waited for the show to begin. (A few months later, some of the students and their families will seek shelter in the building across from the school as Tropical Storm Irene produces record floods. What they're about to experience might at least help them understand why.)

Brian Stilwell called out to his audience, "Who's here from Harwood? What about Twinfield Union? Where are you Crossett Brook people?" (predictable boos and cheers). Stilwell is a lanky young Cornell grad with dark, curly hair and a comfortable air with kids, thanks to working in a youth center and as a VISTA volunteer. Like his fellow educators, he courts potential schools,

Pic Walker '93, Executive Director of ACE

gives assemblies for about 25,000 students a year, and mentors Action Teams.

Stilwell seamlessly segued into ACE's master script. ACE educators memorize this script (or most of it: there are 11 pages of text and five tightly spaced pages of footnotes and citations, with sources like IPCC reports, *Procedures of the National Academy of Sciences*, and the journal *Nature*). He's trained to match the script to the fast-paced animation on the screen and the thumping music, and had it down so cold it sounded spontaneous. Right away he assured them that this is not your average climate change discussion. "The last thing you want is another person talking about the world's problems. I mean, what's that going to do, anyway?"

Science and action sat right up front: "The world's leading scientists say we don't have much time to start fixing the planet's climate. And if it's going to happen, you're the generation that's going to make it happen ... So let's take a look at where the world is today, and what we're going to do to change it."

Stilwell and the onscreen animation showed how "living large" taxes the planet and covered all the bases, from advertising that shapes their thinking to the impact of atmospheric gases on the "planetary thermostat." In between he hit population growth, carbon sinks, parts per million, hamburgers from cows who burp and fart methane (big laughs from the audience), and more. Scientists agree this is real, he assured them.

Next, actor Peter Coyote's voiceover chimed in about the consequences. Crazy weather. Mass extinctions. Climate refugees. Economic crises—

Brian interrupted: "Wait! This doesn't *have* to be our future, does it? What if we decide to do something?"

He asked them to imagine their 40th high school reunion: how they'd celebrate being the generation that stopped climate change. The video flashed forward to a timeline of innovations that created a culture of local food production, green-energy jobs, climate-savvy young people elected to public office, and milestones like "China's last coal-fired power plant closed."

The video's reunion party looked back at their beginnings in ACE Action Teams linked through the Internet. Everyone shown was a real kid with real projects. Then, some Q&A: if students said they'd heard climate change was a hoax, Stilwell gently returned them to the decades of scientific consensus. Two girls asked, "OK, if we have too much junk to fit on Earth, can we, like, send our junk into space?" Stilwell explained the cost problem and the better solution of less consumption and more recycling.

The lights went up as the music rose. The kids were pumped. They applauded ACE's view of their future while 16 of them headed up front to talk to Stilwell.

ACE CLAIMS IT OFFERS "CLIMATE SCIENCE THAT STICKS." So how sticky is it?

The ACE home page displays ever-rising numbers above "students reached" and "schools visited." The activity level is backed up by a website full of guest blogs, Action Team videos, and showcases of schools' latest CO^2-busting efforts. But that's not enough data for this group. ACE is working with climate change experts and social scientists at Yale's Project on Climate Change Communication and Stanford's Precourt Energy Efficiency Center on a yearlong impact assessment. Student surveys before and after the assembly gauge "their knowledge, attitude, behaviors, and intentions regarding climate change." Nationwide, students from 41 randomly selected classrooms in 18 randomly selected schools have participated—1,632 students in all.

The recently released midyear report shows that before the ACE assembly, only 32 percent of the students could answer 7 of 11 multiple-choice questions on climate science correctly. The other 68 percent scored a D or F. After the ACE Assembly, more than half of the students (53 percent) passed the same test. Knowledge scores increased 25 percent on average.

But fact retention isn't enough. A week later: Twice as many students were talking with their parents and friends about climate change, and more than half intended to ask them to reduce their climate footprints.

These numbers don't factor in the long-term follow-up. Through e-mail and texts ACE stays in touch with bits of information and prompts for getting involved. Katie Antos-Ketcham, who teaches English and advises the Environmental Action Club at Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, Vermont, notes that after all 1,400 students attended the ACE assembly, the club's activity rose as never before. ACE helped them tackle a five-school energy challenge that saved CVU 58,815 kilowatt-hours and $3,275.66.

ACE believes that young people can create that change. Perhaps most important, Pic Walker says, is seeing young leaders emerge. "Having a teenager speak to a crowd passionately and accurately about climate change moves people the way nothing else can." Daniela Lapidous and Shreya Indukuri proved the point when speaking at the 2011 Power Shift summit of young climate activists last spring in Washington, D.C. Just high school juniors at the time, they were impressively poised (Emily Adler coached them to confidence in public speaking) as they expressed to 8,000 listeners their commitment to climate action.

Two months later, they were back in D.C. sharing the stage with Secretary of Energy Steven Chu at a White House event on grid modernization. Just two years before, the girls had been freshmen in an ACE assembly at their Silicon Valley private school. "Our school was already pretty green, and we saw documentaries on climate change, but there wasn't the focus on action," says Daniela. The two started with a grant for an organic garden and energy film for windows in hot spots, and progressed into monitoring the school's energy use with smart meters. In one year, they shaved their school's energy use by 13 percent and its budget by thousands of dollars. (After their trip, Chu's office called to ask what kind of meters the DOE should use in their own building.)

The success stories mount, but hurdles remain. Recently, a Texas science teacher apologized that she'd like to host an assembly but couldn't because an oil company funded their science curriculum. At another Texas school ACE had just visited, irate parents stormed the principal's office the next day. After television news crews and the school superintendent arrived, ACE had to agree to return any student contact information.

ACE staff regularly discuss how to handle such heat. "We're not going to get into a dogfight," says Christine Nesbit. "We try to mute any argumentative feeling by clearly stating the science." Focusing on risk mitigation also helps: "If 98 percent of heart surgeons advised you were at a 90 percent risk of having a heart attack in five years unless you changed your life, wouldn't you do something?" she asks. ACE's growing reputation and its offer of free science education that can help the school save money are opening new doors in conservative strongholds.

From there, the mindset could change. As Marshall Ganz concluded from his experience in the civil rights and United Farm Workers movements, "The change begins when we act. It's the taking of the action...that starts a new pathway."

A Beautiful Mind

What do you do when your nightmare ends but you know the same terror awaits millions of others?

By Matt Jennings

Emma Kitchen's last memory of December 2010 came on the first day of the month, a little before 6:00 p.m.

It was cold, dark, and rainy when she walked out of the Peterson Family Athletic Center and hopped on her bicycle for the five-minute ride to Proctor, where dinner awaited.

Her friend Bronwyn Oatley '13 was with her, and as the two pedaled down South Main Street and turned left onto the service road that would take them past the health center, the back of the Service Building, and up the hill toward Stewart Hall, they mostly chatted about the weather, how raw it felt as the cold rain pelted their faces.

They picked up their pace as they started up the hill, and in the dark they did not see the flash of a figure racing down the hill on his own bicycle heading directly for them. And he didn't see them either.

The impact of the head-on collision sent Emma Kitchen '14 flying backward off her bike, and the first part of her body to make impact with the ground was the back of her head when it thudded onto the pavement.

As Oatley raced to the health center several hundred yards away in frantic search of help, the other bicyclist waited helplessly by Kitchen's side, as she lay unconscious and unresponsive on the asphalt.

Her skull was fractured, her brain hemorrhaging.

Yet her nightmare had yet to begin.

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Emma Kitchen's nightmare had everything to do with her accident and nothing to do with what she actually felt. For most, the pain would be the worst, the pain associated with the fractured skull, the cerebral contusions, the subarachnoid hemorrhages. (The medevac to Burlington's Fletcher Allen Hospital, the three days in the intensive care unit, the four additional days in the hospital, the remaining weeks leading up to Christmas convalescing at home in Collingwood, Ontario—those don't even compute, because she remembers none of it.)

And if you can push past the inconceivable pain (and she did, convincing herself that as an athlete she was tough, tough enough to overcome even a traumatic brain injury), then surely what will get you, what will be the source of your night terrors are what follows: the dizziness, the nausea, the spinal vibrations, the inability to hold a thought. It will be registering -0.5 on a 0 to 7 neurocognitive assessment IMPACT test when you plead to return to school in February for spring semester.

But no, that was not the source of Emma Kitchen's own living hell. It wasn't even the five months that she was confined to bed rest, ordered to sleep 18 hours a day, and denied all visual stimulus—no books, no television, no computer—and all but minimal social activity.

It wasn't even the fleet of doctors, the neurosurgeons and neuropsychiatrists and physiotherapists and acupuncturists and naturopaths, as caring as they were, who could offer little more than a "sleep and you'll get better" prescription.

Emma Kitchen's nightmare, her living hell, was her solitary confinement within her own head.

She had no one to talk to who could tell her "I know what this is like."

No one to tell her "I understand."

No one to share a look that says "I know, but it gets better."

Even as she healed, as the 18 hours of daily sleep over seemingly endless weeks returned her to the land of the living, she grieved.

And it was only when she finally found someone who had been through something similar, found someone to talk to from a place of shared experience, that she began to awaken from this horrible, debilitating feeling of isolation.

And this caused her to wonder: how many others are out there trapped in the same nightmare?

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"I want to be absolutely clear: this is not about me. This is about the 1.2 million student-athletes under 20 who have been diagnosed with concussions during the past decade."

Emma Kitchen is standing before a roomful of peers (and a handful of professional men and women) gathered in Middlebury's Kirk Center on a cold early February morning.

She is a poised young woman with a strong voice and contagious smile, and there is not a trace of the broken body and soul that resulted from her accident two years ago.

On this morning, she is winning over a group of entrepreneurs who are judging a contest that is the culmination of the winter term course MiddCORE. The contest is called the Next Big Idea, and the pitch that has captured everyone's attention is a support network for student-athletes who have suffered head injuries.

Although the prevalence of concussions among athletes—and the serious neurological impact associated with such injuries—have seeped into the national consciousness through investigative journalism and awareness efforts promoted by the likes of the

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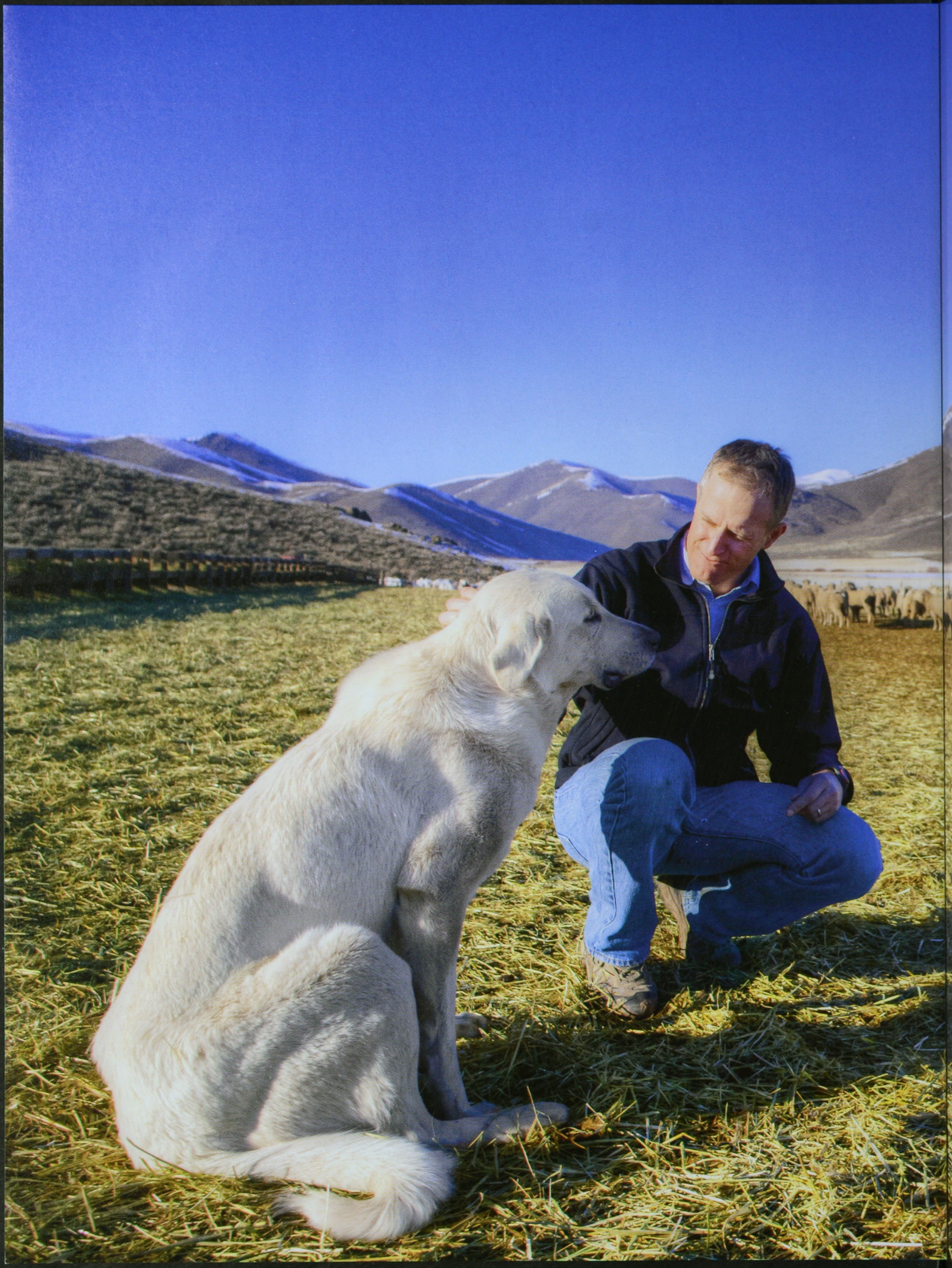
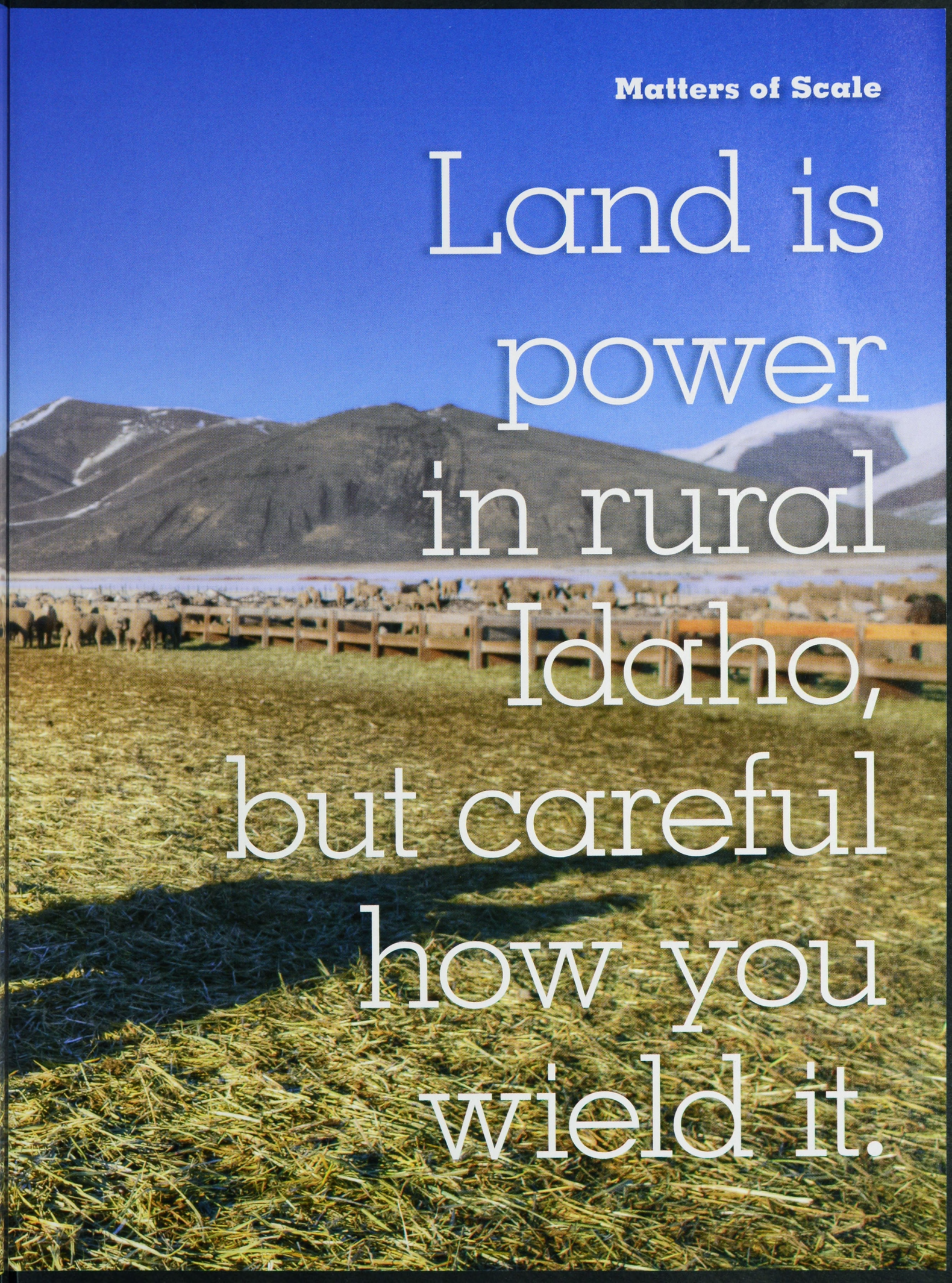




Land is power in rural Idaho, but careful how you wield it.

By Sierra Crane-Murdoch '09
Photographs by Glenn Oakley

LATE IN THE SUMMER OF 2003, after the lambs had gone to market, Mike Stevens '90, then president of Lava Lake Land and Livestock, packed a sleeping bag and a shotgun into his pickup and drove north from his home in the Sun Valley of Idaho to the North Fork of the Big Lost River. A colleague at a federal agency had called him that evening after spotting a pack of wolves not far from Stevens's sheep band. The year before, a similar call had come from a forest ranger: Did he know wolves were killing his sheep? He hadn't; nor had he any clue a pack was in the area. By the time he made it into the field, he had lost 18 ewes and lambs. This time, knowing wolves were near, he wouldn't take the risk.

The sheep camp was on the north end of the valley, tucked into a grove of lodgepole pine. Stevens found Ernesto there alone. The young Peruvian herder had left the flock on a rocky outcrop by the river bottom. Normally, the sheep would spend nights on a high ridgeline and wander downslope the next day to find water, but on this fork, the canyon walls were steep, and sheep grazed the lower benches and meadows. Stevens sat with Ernesto a while, and at dusk, headed toward the sheep band. He laid his sleeping bag under a pine and the shotgun beside him. The ewes shifted and sighed in their sleep. His own sleep was restless—a guard dog, circling the band, visited routinely to lick Stevens's face. When he woke at dawn, he found the dog beside him. Together, they walked the band's perimeter. There were no signs of wolves, but at the far end lay a mangled ewe, killed by coyotes. Stevens looked down at the dog, and noticed, then, the sheep blood crusted on its snout.

He never intended to shoot a wolf; that night, he meant only to deter the pack with his presence and make noise if any came near. Stevens is a conservationist at heart, a believer that all things, hoofed or sharply teethed, can coexist. He is, you might say, a purveyor of the happy medium: common values, collaborative approaches. But what he sees as reasonable, others in the environmental community have considered traitorous. He will not condemn grazing on public lands, and believes, rather, that livestock can have a minimal impact if managed carefully. A master of the positive spin, he reasons rhetorically: "Most people look at sheep ranching as the problem. Well, can it be part of the solution?" It was for this ideology—and not for his ranching experience, of which he had none—that he was hired to run the operation at Lava Lake.

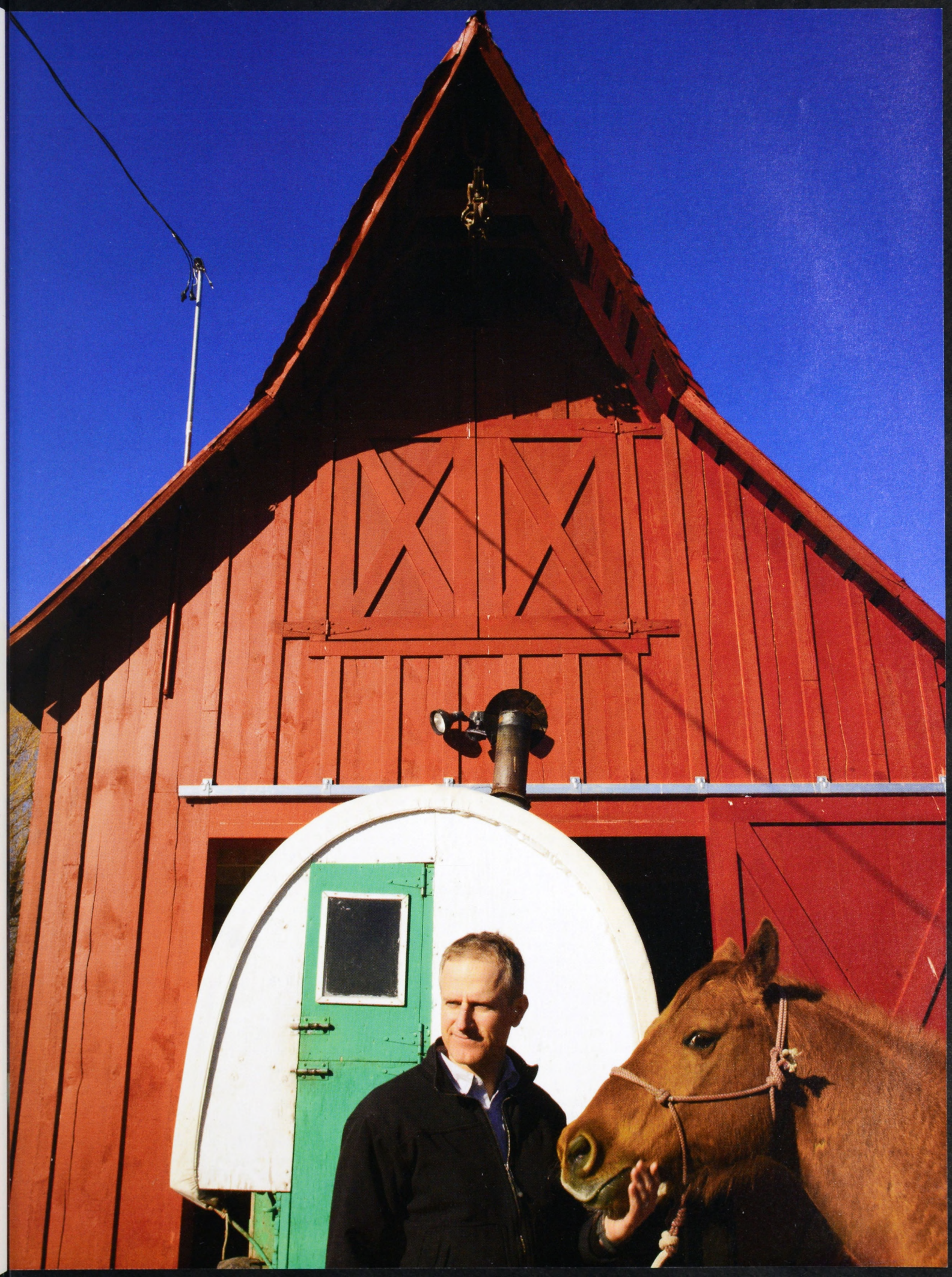
The ranch is the brainchild of Brian Bean, a wealthy San Francisco investment banker, and his wife, Kathleen, who formerly worked at the Nature Conservancy. In the late nineties, the Beans were looking to buy a small allotment in the West to place under conservation easement—an agreement that limits development on a property in perpetuity, even when the land changes hands. But the Beans realized that unless they worked on a bigger scale, their conservation efforts would be to little effect. Large wildlife, such as antelope and wolves, move over vast areas, weaving through a patchwork of public and private holdings, each managed according to the rules and whims of various agencies and landowners. "If we wanted to have a conservation impact, we had to work on a landscape scale," said Kathleen. "And to do that, we had to be livestock operators." Running sheep would allow them to lease—and practice low-impact grazing—on federal property. By 2002, when the Beans hired Stevens, they had acquired roughly a million acres of ranchland, a quarter private and the rest by public lease, stretching from the Craters of the Moon National Monument into the Pioneer and Boulder mountains.

At the time, Stevens worked for the Nature Conservancy in the Sun Valley and was tasked with negotiating the Beans' first easement. "I knew immediately that this was someone with a highly developed collaborative instinct," said Brian. When the Beans offered Stevens a job, the idea of working on a large scale excited him. "In Idaho, ranching is where the power is," he said. "If you say, 'we're part of the sheep industry,' people recognize that. It's part of the culture and tradition of the state." He also knew that as a rancher, his conservation efforts would have more leverage with government agencies than those of any nonprofit. "We would be part of the establishment," he said. "To be fair, it's the very thing that an environmental activist has to fight against, but we were able to use it to our advantage."

Before he took the job, Stevens reminded the Beans that he had never ranched before. They assured him that among the ranchers whose property they had purchased, and the Peruvians who had tended the flocks for many years there was plenty of institutional knowledge. They reasoned that it would be easier to teach Stevens to run a ranch than to find a rancher with as strong a conservation ethic as his; Stevens shared their values, and values were never something they wanted to argue about. But the Beans' confidence did not allay Stevens's concerns entirely. "I was never going to be a real rancher," he said, "and I wasn't a normal conservationist either. The implicit risk was not being good at either of those things, and not being part of either community."

STEVENS, 43, IS TALL AND BESPECTACLED with reddish-blonde hair, steely blue eyes, and a chameleonic knack for assuming a pace and posture fit to his environs. In his stark, tidy office not far from Hailey, Idaho's main street, he is a very busy man. He budgets his time in tight increments and checks his watch often; even so, he rarely keeps on schedule. He has a penchant for boardroom buzzwords—"logic model: a visual depiction of the resources and activities that get you to your desired outcome"—and an acute entrepreneurial instinct. He eats with impressive speed and jokes infrequently—nor does he always notice when one has been made—and truncates these moments of humor with fits of earnestness. The day I met Stevens in his office, he paused a hurried discussion on the formatting of an executive summary to watch a man hook a dumpster to a pickup truck and drag it across a lot. "We're having an Idaho moment here," he told me, and swiftly turned back to his document.

By nature, Stevens is an idealist with strong ambitions. He prefers the adjective "goal oriented," and applies this quality to most aspects of his life. An avid outdoorsman, he has run in four hundred-mile races—most famously, the Western States 100 in California—and once ran his own long route through the Pioneers. More recently, he and his wife, Liz Mitchell '89, an international environmental attorney, have taken up Nordic ski racing. "I don't think of myself as competitive, necessarily," Stevens said. "It's more about trying to be excellent and having really rewarding



experiences. That's how I define ambition. It involves committing to something outside my comfort zone."

His comfort zone is expansive. In the 1960s, Stevens's mother, then 20, left Santa Barbara, California, and settled on the Spanish island of Mallorca, a popular tourist destination. There she met Stevens's father, a Swede, with whom she started a travel company. When Stevens was three and his sister a newborn, his father left the family. Stevens's upbringing, he recalls, was populated with "rebellious expats," though he attended Spanish parochial school, where he developed a "robust respect for institutions and authority." He believes that it was in Spain where he learned to move effortlessly between different kinds of company. When he was not with other expat children, he spent time with a working-class Spanish family his mother had befriended. Once, the father, a cabinetmaker, told Stevens he was lucky because he would never have to work with his hands.

In 1980, Stevens moved with his mother to Santa Barbara, where she married an old acquaintance who introduced Stevens to hiking and surfing. Though, at first, he did not consider himself a "Californian," he came to resemble one, and the identity trailed him to Middlebury College. His friends still recall his long blond hair and inability to dress for the cold. He majored in biology, and came to know Liz Mitchell particularly well through an ecology class. They went their separate ways after graduation—Mitchell for a fellowship abroad, Stevens to climb in Alaska and Nepal while he worked an assortment of jobs around the West—and met, again, 10 years later in New Hampshire. Stevens, having graduated from the Field Naturalist Program at the University of Vermont, was working for the Nature Conservancy. A year after he transferred to the Sun Valley, Mitchell joined him there.

The Sun Valley, which circumscribes a resort town popular with the rich and famous (once Hemingway, now Zuckerberg), is decidedly "green." Here, local magazines are printed in earth tones and suggest that anyone can acquire a gentrified Western aesthetic with an off-grid cabin, a root cellar, or a lawn fertilized with local fish. The valley is home to a handful of environmental nonprofits; one particularly divisive group, Western Watersheds Project, advocates for an end to grazing on public land. (Among their concerns, livestock trample vegetation, invite erosion, and take precedence over wild predators.) It was no surprise, then, that when Stevens began at Lava Lake, many rumored he had sold out. "If a handful of people say that to your face," said Mitchell, "how many are saying the same thing behind your back?"

Stevens kept a low public profile during his first three years at Lava Lake. He called on his herders in the field, mapped the properties, befriended the former ranchers, and met frequently with Pedro, his foreman, who had worked the same allotments under different ownership. A few early incidents tested Stevens's facility: The wolf attack in 2002; then a dispute over fencing with a rancher whose cow had wandered onto a Lava Lake allotment. Both were quietly resolved. By 2004, having collected extensive ecosystem data from the ranch, Stevens and the Beans completed a grazing management plan. Two years later, they launched the Lava Lake Institute, to conduct scientific assessments of their management practices. They also founded the Pioneer Mountain Group, to consult on conservation projects and apply their acquired expertise locally and abroad. In the Sun Valley, where restaurants began to offer Lava Lake lamb, the ranch began to earn a great deal of respect. "People were starting to put the whole story together," said Stevens. "There were reasons our lamb tasted so good."

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Stevens's break into the ranching community was less ideological. "When the guys saw those big, beautiful lambs sent off to market, that did a lot to resolve any issue," he said. Each night before the animals were shipped south for slaughter, Stevens would camp by the corral with the herders. The next morning, at first light, they would sort and weigh the lambs and pack them into trucks. Each would wager a dollar on the lambs' average weight, and when all had been tallied, Stevens would stand to announce the winner. For breakfast, they ate powdered doughnuts washed down with Crown Royal.

In August of 2005, Stevens lost two dozen sheep and a guard dog on the North Fork of the Big Lost River, not far from where he had slept two summers before. When he got word of the kill, he called Rick Williamson, a wolf specialist at Wildlife Services. Williamson met Stevens in the field that same day. "It was obviously wolves," Williamson told me, recalling the incident. "They're sloppy killers. They bite, they chew." The wounds were hemorrhaging. "Mike said, 'Where do you think we should go from here?' And I said, 'Well, where do *you* think we should go from here?' He said he wanted to stay away from lethal control, and that was fine with me."

Stevens tells the story a little differently. He worried the wolves would attack again and suggested moving the sheep band to a different allotment. Williamson convinced him otherwise. "Let's use every trick in the bag," Stevens recalls him saying. Years before, when Lava Lake lost its first sheep to wolves, Stevens purchased cracker shells and rubber bullets to use as deterrents. He added guard dogs and had the herders trained to erect turbo fladry—electrified wires strung with flags, resembling those used in car lots—around the sheep bands. Eventually, Stevens hired more herders for a night watch. But the "trick" Williamson suggested—telemetry—was far more advanced than anything Stevens had used. Wildlife Services had fitted several wolves in a nearby pack with radio collars. Herders, now, could estimate the wolves' location and distance from the sheep band by pointing a receiving unit in the pack's direction and listening for a frequency. If the signal was loud, a wolf was close.

When used at once, the techniques worked. (The ranch has had no wolf attacks since 2005.) But deterrents at Lava Lake hardly kept predators from wandering onto other ranches. The next

summer, wolves that frequented the Beans' private allotments killed 13 sheep on an adjacent ranch. The rancher ordered the wolves shot, and the regional director of Wildlife Services asked Stevens for permission to hunt the wolves on Lava Lake property. Stevens refused. "You're making this a lot harder on the other ranchers," he recalls the director saying. When I asked Williamson, who has since retired from the agency, about the incident, he told me, "I respected Mike for that. But you have to understand, there are a lot of people who think the only good wolf is a dead wolf."

Stevens admits he was fully aware of the ranchers' predicament. But his refusal to allow lethal control on Lava Lake was pragmatic. "We were not starry eyed about any of this," he said. "If we were perceived as predator-killers, regardless of how much good work we were doing, we would lose respect in the valley. We didn't have time to argue, 'well, do wolves belong in this ecosystem?' They were here, and we knew what the community fallout would be if we didn't attempt to coexist."

In the spring of 2007, Stevens learned that a new set of wolves, named the Phantom Hill Pack, had made a den on a Lava Lake allotment, just north of Ketchum. This time, Williamson advised him to abandon the area. Stevens agreed, but nervously. "All those wolves had to do was walk across the highway to another sheep operator and get shot," he said. Upon hearing the news, Stevens phoned several of his colleagues. Among them was Suzanne Stone, the Northern Rockies coordinator at Defenders of Wildlife, with whom Stevens collaborated frequently. According to Stone, Stevens was shaken. "You don't see Mike get flustered very often," she told me, "so you definitely pay attention when he is."

On a cold early morning in February, Stevens took me to Lava Lake. He hardly makes the drive anymore, since he began full time at Pioneer Mountain Group. He travels frequently. But this morning, he wore heavy boots and a faded down jacket. A gas station south of Hailey blasted Abba as he filled the tank—"usually it's '80s death metal"—and we continued south to Craters of the Moon.

The ranch meets the craters on the Snake River plain. Here, over millions of years, lava erupted from volcanic fissures and set into vast, dark flows pocked with cones of hardened magma. To

avoid Shoshone territory, travelers on the Oregon Trail skirted the craters to the north, emerging at the center of what is now Lava Lake Ranch. "Twenty-thousand people and all their animals in 25 years," said Stevens, pointing to the route, a small notch in the mountains. "Can you imagine the impact?"

The ranch's entrance was an unmarked turnoff on an empty road. Stevens's truck rattled over frozen heaves, scaring a chukar bird from the sagebrush. At the confluence of two drainages stood the main ranch, a hodgepodge of corrals, a lambing barn, a yurt where the Beans stay on visits, and an old house where Tim Bennett, the farm manager, lives with his family. We parked past the house, and Tim came to greet us. He shook hands with Stevens, who asked about the farm. Everything was fine, said Tim, who wore only a sweatshirt despite the cold. Stevens pointed to the drainages and the ridgelines where sheep would graze come spring. (The flock spends the winter in California.) Sagebrush poked from white, wind-scoured hills. "Not much snow," he said to me. "It's a little alarming."

We stayed only a short time at the ranch and headed west to Carey, a town largely emptied since a Kraft plant closed and many ranchers sold their operations. "Carey is the community that matters," Stevens told me. The town, set on flat bottomland between the Pioneer Mountains and the Craters of the Moon, is at the center of two million private, developable acres—essentially an island amidst vast stretches of public land. Among Stevens's first projects at the Pioneer Mountain Group was the Pioneer's Alliance, an assembly of landowners, nonprofits, and agencies in the Carey region whose purpose, aside from revitalizing the community, is to encourage landowners to place their private holdings under conservation easement. A dozen have already done so.

We stopped in Carey at the city hall to meet Vonnie Olsen, a councilwoman with whom Stevens works at the Alliance. Olson had large painted eyes and frosted hair. She was sitting at a table in the council chambers, sorting through a stack of faded photographs. "I just had to show you these, Mike," she said. "I found some gems." Stevens looked for a moment but was distracted by something more serious: An article in the local paper had quoted one rancher calling another "crooked" for earning $4 million in an easement deal. (The money, which came mostly from the Nature Conservancy and a federal conservation program, reimbursed the rancher for value losses he incurred when he gave up development rights on his property.) "What landowner is going to stand up if they have to deal with allegations that they're corrupt?" said Stevens. Olson rolled her eyes. "That's the kind of thing we deal with all the time," she told me.

Olson admitted that she and Stevens don't always agree. But when I asked for an example, she struggled to find one. "For one thing," she said, "Mike doesn't send out his herders with rifles. If I was out there, I'd want a rifle." I asked if that had anything to do with wolves. Olson sighed; Stevens shook his head. "I don't think we're ever going to solve the wolf controversy," she said—then, speaking figuratively, "If you let wolves become part of efforts like these, it will consume and destroy things."

In the Intermountain West, there is, perhaps, no question more incendiary than what to do about wolves. The conflict, centuries old, was psychological before it was political. Wolves are the classic villains of storybooks, and the crimes they commit in fiction—eating young children—

are based more on fear than fact. But as long as cows and sheep have grazed the carnivore's territory, wolves have hunted them. In 1906, a wealthy bunch of Western ranchers made wolf eradication a government priority, and the Bureau of Biological Survey, now the Fish and Wildlife Service, took on the task. Twenty years later, the last wolf in Yellowstone National Park was killed.

When the Endangered Species Act passed Congress in 1973, wolves were among the first to make the list. A team of biologists and policy makers assembled a plan to reintroduce wolves to the West, and in 1995 and 1996, after navigating strident opposition in the Idaho state government, released 66 individuals into central Idaho and the Greater Yellowstone Area. The recovery worked faster than anyone expected. Eight years later, the population exceeded 600, more than twice the recovery team's original goal. But when the Fish and Wildlife Service tried to reduce the wolf's status from "endangered" to "threatened," environmental groups sued and won, alleging that the agency's initial goals were arbitrary. The decision to "down-list," they said, must be based on the "best available science."

Stevens grew visibly frustrated when he recalled the story: "Here you had the most successful population recovery in the history of the Endangered Species Act, and environmentalists said it wasn't enough. Yeah, sure, they should be able to use good science to redefine their goals. But it just looked like they moved the goalposts. And all that did was radicalize people again." Several years later, when the Fish and Wildlife Service proposed delisting the wolf altogether and some of Stevens's closest colleagues—among them, Suzanne Stone—engaged in a long legal battle, Stevens carefully evaded the issue. "We were there to solve problems in a specific place, with specific operators, with specific sets of wolves," he told me. "We were not about shaping the delisting discussion or making editorial commentaries about predator control."

But in 2007, when the Phantom Hill Pack made its den on a Lava Lake allotment, Stevens was forced to confront the issue again. On a sunny day, one wolf was spotted as it sprawled on the shoulder of a road. Library-goers, on another occasion, noticed the pack resting on a hillside above town. Anyone curious as to the wolves' whereabouts could follow them on Twitter. A typical tweet, posted on May 12, 2009, read, "@phantomwolves The mid-May snow broke just in time to catch a view of a young male Phantom herding 4–5 elk along the hillside." A week later, another post linked to a photo of a young wolf watching as the

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alpha male, named "Papa," tugged at an elk hide. "Yearling needs a name," read the tweet. "Suggestions?"

It was this emotional engagement in the issue that concerned Stevens most. "We couldn't be responsible for such a highly visible pack getting killed," he said. Stevens also knew that Lava Lake's sheep bands would have to return to the same allotment the next season in order to keep the animals spread across a large area and minimize their impact. When Stevens and Stone spoke by phone in 2007, they decided to start a new alliance of ranchers whose operations neighbored the wolves' territory. The Wood River Wolf Project, funded mostly by Defenders of Wildlife, would send teams into the field to erect fladry around the bands, tell with telemetry when wolves were near, and stay overnight if necessary. The ranchers, said Stone, saw little cost for themselves and were quite willing to participate.

One evening in July of 2008, not far from the Phantom Hill Pack, three field assistants were nearly done assembling fladry around a sheep band when they noticed a straggler dashing frantically toward the pen. A wolf had chased it but retreated when it came near the fence. The local paper, *Idaho Mountain Express*, touted the incident as proof of the project's success. But the next summer, when field assistants accidently left a dozen of the same rancher's sheep outside the pen, wolves killed all 12. The rancher, John Faulkner, called for lethal control.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," said Williamson, recalling the incident. "He had dead sheep lying around the mountains, and he wasn't happy. So I got him on the phone and said, 'John, hear me out. We can go in there and kill a wolf—that's not a big deal. But we need to think about consequences.' I said, 'John, everybody in Ketchum would like to see your sheep allotments go away. I think we could buy you kudos by trying nonlethal control.' And he said, 'Rick, if that's what you think we should do, that's what we're going to do.'"

When I asked Stevens about his own feelings toward wolves, he responded cautiously. "I've heard wolves talked about as a kind of Zen riddle," he said. "If you want to have wolves, you need to shoot wolves. People living near them need to feel a sense of control in case a problem becomes chronic. Wolves are dogs—they're going to reproduce. Ultimately, the goal is to make the population stable enough so that if a wolf is shot periodically, it's not the end of the world." It seemed, he said, that some ranchers and environmentalists were finding middle ground. Recently, Stevens spoke with a rancher who regretted ordering a wolf pack shot after it repeatedly attacked her sheep. "She told me she wasn't sure we're accomplishing much by killing entire packs. What we're doing is opening up the territory to new, untrained wolves, rather than figuring out which individuals are a problem, and removing them if necessary. That had a big impact on me."

But whatever truce Stevens sensed did not last long. In 2009, despite a string of environmental lawsuits, wolves in Idaho were taken off the endangered species list. In June of that year, a car hit the Phantom Hill Pack's alpha male, and in October, a month after wolf-hunting season opened, a hunter shot a young female known as Jewel to her Twitter followers. A subsequent article in the *Mountain Express* garnered 537 online comments within a few days: "It really amazes me how the wolf-worshipers have worked the clueless into believing that wolves are on some god-like level"; then, "this just makes me absolutely sick!!!!!" and "isn't anyone tired of this bloodbath?"

One morning in February, Stevens drove me into the Pioneers east of Carey. We passed ranches with impressive gates and fields marked by wire fencing. Grass stems poked from crusted snow. "I think the biggest misunderstanding of collaborative approaches is that the arc goes something like this," he said. "Very different people learn to trust and like each other and develop a common vision and achieve it together. But that doesn't happen often. People are rooted in their own perspective, and you're not going to change that. You've got a fourth-generation Mormon rancher from Carey. The expectation isn't that he gives up any part of his identity while he works with someone from an urban environment with a completely different worldview."

Even if ranchers in Carey shared a part of Stevens's and the Beans' philosophy, it is unlikely they would have the means to implement it on the same scale. This is a criticism Stevens hears frequently. "I work with a real recognition that we have it really good—that not everyone can do what we've done," he said. Likewise, people will ask Stevens if Lava Lake is a "model." He calls it the *M* word. "I don't fundamentally believe in models," he told me. "They're a very linear, point-driven approach." He considers the ranch to be a distinct case from which others may draw ideas and inspiration.

Stevens stopped the truck where the snow grew deep and flattened a map onto the hood. He pointed to the east, to where he lost his first sheep in 2002, then slightly north, to the bottom of the Muldoon Basin. There, several years ago, he helped load lambs into a truck bound south. Jim Peterson, the rancher who owned the operation previously, was there. After the lambs had been loaded, Peterson shoved his shepherd's staff toward Stevens, insisting that he take it.

"I will never get higher praise," said Stevens. "We weren't going to see eye to eye on wolves, but he still cared about those lambs."

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Unveiled

The story of
a young woman
determined to
discover the
wide-open world
around her.

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Before I ever met Mahnaz Rezaie '13, I knew certain things about her. Mahnaz means "beautiful moon" or "glory of the moon." It's a Persian name, even though she's Afghan, and she finds it wonderfully elegant. She loves the sound of the syllables reverberating in her throat: Maah-naahz. I also knew that in 1997, when she was eight years old, her Shia Muslim family fled Sunni-Taliban-ruled Afghanistan. They went to Iran, which was the country closest to their home in the southwestern province of Herat. Iran was more westernized, and in some ways life was better for the Rezaies, but as Afghan minorities, they also faced harsh discrimination. At one point, the Iranian Ministry of Education banned all Afghan children from the schools. Because Mahnaz was academically gifted, her principal shielded her from expulsion.

At the age of nine, Mahnaz had endured a horrific accident one night while she was at a family wedding. She was pouring tea from a giant samovar when it toppled over, sending a cascade of boiling water onto her arm. She watched her skin peel away from her body and drop to the floor along with the sleeve of her dress. The pain was so excruciating she thought she was dying. Her family, fearing the Taliban would kill them for breaking the 10 P.M. nightly curfew if they took her to the hospital, instead used toothpaste and mashed potatoes to treat her wounds. The next morning, Mahnaz went to a doctor who scrubbed her burns clean with a brush. This procedure was nearly as painful as the initial scalding. During the next six months, while she was recovering, she developed scars that would impact her life in many ways—including, she believes, putting her on a more academic path that led her to Middlebury, where she is now a student in her junior year.

I first learned Mahnaz's story through articles she wrote for the Afghan Women's Writing Project (AWWP), a nonprofit writing collective based in Kabul, Afghanistan. Founded in 2009 by American writer Masha Hamilton, the writing project provides Afghan women with a place to write—a so-called writer's hut where they can compose their stories, primarily in English, using computers and Internet access that many of them don't otherwise have access to. Some of these women, who range in age from their teens to their 40s, are forbidden to write by their families, and they do it in secret at AWWP headquarters, using pseudonyms. The project also provides a venue for these women to publish their work; twice a week, their personal essays and poetry are posted on the project's blog. U.S.-based writers, women with backgrounds in journalism, fiction writing, and teaching, serve as long-distance writing mentors, providing prompts for story ideas, guidance on writing fundamentals, like grammar and story structure, and feedback on their stories. I am one of those mentors.

Mahnaz began contributing to AWWP after a friend told her about the program during her senior year of high school. Her family was living in Kabul then, her father having decided his children would get a better education in Afghanistan. Mahnaz is a naturally gifted writer, and soon after she took AWWP's initial writing workshop, she was penning poems and essays in English, her second language after the Farsi she learned in Iran. "She's always been a strong writer, and she's so amazingly brave," AWWP executive director and former writing coordinator Elisabeth Lehr told me. "Hers is a tremendous story. Her mother is illiterate, which in and of itself says so much about Afghanistan today."

The way Mahnaz strung English words together was surprisingly eloquent and evocative to Lehr, and her stories carried a gravitas and emotional depth that betrayed her age, not to mention the fact that she'd only been studying English for a few years. Another thing that stood out about Mahnaz's work was her feminist leanings. In writing about her childhood, she explored the inklings she'd had from an early age that the discrepancy between the way men and women were treated in the society she inhabited did not work for her.

When she was a girl in Iran, she and her family often worshiped at a Muslim shrine—a place she found so spectacular and inspiring that she wrote this about it: "I want to sink in this sacred air. I want to hear my heartbeats and listen to the breeze as it cools my face. I want to fly to farther lands where only imagination can go. This is the magic of being in a place where you love and feel you are yourself. This is the magic that allows you to think freely." Yet, as much as she loved the temple, it didn't seem fair to her—even at age eight—that the men should pray in the front of the shrine while the women were relegated to the back. Her mother's explanation reflected a widely held religious belief: Men are entitled to stand in front of women because they have higher positions before God. Mahnaz was outraged. But she was powerless to change the rules—this time.

On an exceptionally warm Monday morning this past January, Mahnaz and I traipsed from McCullough Student Center across the Middlebury lawn below the chapel to Munroe, her backpack drooping with the weight of packages addressed to professors in the religion, political science, and sociology/anthropology departments. She works part-time in the campus mailroom, in the bowels of McCullough, and outings like this, which take her into the fresh Vermont air, are the highlight of the job. When we arrived in the Munroe basement, she and I sorted the brown interoffice envelopes and bundles of missives from farther afield into the appropriate boxes. She didn't really need my help; I had tagged along because I wanted to learn more about her.

Mahnaz and I had begun e-mailing each other several months earlier, and in the past few weeks, our messages had become more frequent. I was now assigned to be her writing mentor, and we were working together on a new article for the AWWP site. As we walked through the melting snow, 45-degree air rustling the fringes of the bright yellow *hijab* covering her hair and framing her face, we couldn't ignore the topic of the weather. She told me that Kabul, where she went to high school and where most of her family still lives, has four seasons, including a snowy winter. She described the city's ancient shrines and hideaway gardens—it's a place I should visit one day, she assured me. One thing Kabul is missing, however, is a colorful autumn. "I always wanted to live in a place with bright foliage," she said.

Mahnaz knew very little about Middlebury when she applied for admission, and she didn't have a clue about the Vermont climate. "I didn't even know where Vermont was," she recalled. When she arrived in the fall of 2009, she was thrilled by the bright fall colors, calling them "a dream come true." This inadvertent wish fulfillment came on the heels of her many years of hard work and perseverance in the face of incredible obstacles—not the least of which was the Taliban. "I remember the night they came. There was lots of gunfire," she told me. "Some people were happy. They said the Taliban would have a really good government. But then after six months, they started torturing people, especially Shias."

Several of the women, including Mahnaz, have told me they write when they're feeling emotional—they write through their tears.

In the Herat neighborhood where her family lived, the men developed the habit of sleeping on the roofs of their houses to stave off the Taliban, who would raid and steal after the sun went down. One night, a neighbor's house was broken into anyway. "They had guns," Mahnaz remembered. "They stole everything, and they threatened the family. They said, 'We will come for your girl.'" This last threat sent that family, members of the Shia minority, like Mahnaz's family, packing for Iran. Girls kidnapped by the Taliban were being raped and tortured, and in Afghan culture, if a daughter is violated, a family loses its honor. Mahnaz's family migrated to Iran soon after. But first, Mahnaz's father decided her oldest sister, who was 15 at the time, should get married. It would be safer, he reasoned, and the decision was in keeping with Afghan culture. Mahnaz's own mother and many women in the family had married at around 14 or 15. (This tradition is one reason why only 4 percent of Afghan girls attend high school.)

A huge weight lifted when the Rezaies arrived in Iran. "We were free," Mahnaz said. The threats to their lives were gone, and Mahnaz enjoyed far more equality as a schoolgirl in Iran. But after a time, the cultural discrimination became intolerable. Her father was paid less for his civil engineering work because he was Afghan, and ultimately, he realized there was no future for his children there—Afghans weren't allowed to attend college in Iran. So after the fall of the Taliban, in 2001, they returned to Afghanistan. By this time, her oldest brother, who had stayed behind in Herat during the family's emigration, had secured a well-paying job at an American nongovernmental organization (NGO). Since her father couldn't find work, this brother, now the family breadwinner, wielded considerable power in the family. To Mahnaz's despair, he was more conservative than her father, whose years in Iran had exposed him to more liberal ideas regarding gender roles. According to Elisabeth Lehr of AWWP, this is a common family dynamic. "Brothers often seem to be the stumbling block," she said. "My guess is it's because they come from a generation that's been faced almost exclusively with war."

This imperious brother insisted all of the Rezaie women wear the burqa in public. A teenager now, Mahnaz flat out refused to put on the blue, full-body religious cloak, igniting a months-long family argument. "The question of wearing a burqa was becoming a nightmare," Mahnaz recalled in an AWWP post in July 2010. "I imagined it as a blue ghost that wanted to hold me in a hole where I was set apart from real world, where I needed to hide my beauty. I would have no identity because no one could really see my face." Formulating her arguments and standing up to her brother strengthened Mahnaz's independence and stoked her defiance. She didn't agree that women shouldn't be seen out in the world, that the streets of Herat were too dangerous for her kind, or that if she just gave the burqa a try, she would love it.

It was during this time that her belief in equal rights for Afghan women blossomed. "I argued confidently, 'I have decided to go to work. How can I work while I am wearing a burqa or *niqab*? I wish to learn driving soon. How should I see and find my way while I am covering my face? Don't you notice that Islam gave me the right not to cover my face and you are insisting against it?'" Eventually, she won; it was a victory that had a ripple effect on her life. "I had made up my mind to stand against any decision that limited me," she wrote. "By refusing to wear the burqa, I began to realize a most important lesson. We are the ones who empower ourselves. If we consider ourselves weak, others will consider us weaker."

THE SUMMER AFTER HER FRESHMAN YEAR at Middlebury, Mahnaz spent three months traveling throughout Afghanistan, taking pictures of people on the streets and in their homes. Her work had already begun to take on a more journalistic style; she had told the stories of other Afghan women and the hardships they faced. There was the tale of a friend whose family forbade her from marrying the man she loved because he was from a different religious sect, and the story of her mother's friend, who bore 16 children and watched 15 of them die from malnutrition. But this project was the first for which she went out and reported a story.

Being a woman photographer in a Muslim country, she faced challenges—Afghanistan, after all, is the worst country in the world for women according to a recent study by the Thomson Reuters Foundation. "Security was the biggest barrier. My family added to my anxiety by saying that someone will kidnap me or take my expensive camera," she wrote in the three-part article that detailed her photojournalism adventure, entitled "Snapshots from Home." "I traveled with a family member; I never took photos in public alone. I learned I was more comfortable taking photos with female escorts, than males. I was more courageous with my brothers and father, but they were constantly nagging me about the security."

Despite her precautions, she was harassed and questioned. She was even accused of being a spy. And yet, she produced stunning photos. She captured men staring at her suspiciously from behind their vegetable stands at a Kabul bazaar, a woman from a nomadic tribe holding her sick baby inside the dilapidated tent she called home, and a cluster of small boys crouched on a strip of pavement, grinning up at the camera. There was some upside to being a woman in this circumstance. "An Afghan female photographer has the advantage of gaining access to the private lives of people," she explained in the article. "It is easier for her to go inside people's houses and take pictures. If a man asks to go to a house, it is more difficult to get permission." And during the course of the project, she developed a philosophy she never could have learned in a classroom: "A photographer needs to have a free mind without worries to produce good images."

The same isn't necessarily true for an Afghan writer. Several of the women who contribute to the AWWP blog, including Mahnaz, have told me they write when they're feeling emotional—they write through their tears. That's likely because they face so much hardship. I began volunteering for the organization last

summer after a project I was scheduled to work on—profiling the recovery of an Afghan woman who had been disfigured and brutalized by her in-laws—was canceled because her emotional trauma was too overwhelming for her to move forward. After learning the basic details of this woman's story, I was both horrified and heartbroken. Her ears and nose had been cut off and she'd been left for dead, the product of a culture that put no value on her life. By some miracle, she was rescued and brought to a shelter in Kabul. I considered myself to have an above-average knowledge of international women's issues, and yet, I realized I had no idea what it meant to be a woman in Afghanistan.

I wanted to learn more by connecting with an Afghan women's cause. A search for nonprofits in California, where I live, came up short. And then I discovered the Afghan Women's Writing Project. It was January 2011, and AWWP had launched the blog just a few months earlier. I e-mailed Elisabeth Lehr, at the time the writing coordinator, presenting my bona fides and pleading my case for becoming a writing mentor. She'd be happy to have me, she replied, but the first available slot wasn't until August, eight months away. I took that slot—a four-week posting—and reupped for another rotation in January.

Apparently, I wasn't the only one interested in helping out. AWWP was growing rapidly, and women's rights issues in Afghanistan were getting more public attention. Several high-profile cases had been covered in the news at around that time: Bibi Aisha, the woman I was originally assigned to write about, was being treated for her emotional trauma in New York; a woman named Gulnaz was imprisoned in Afghanistan for adultery after reporting her rape to police; another woman, Sahar Gul, was said to have been tortured by her in-laws after refusing to work as a prostitute.

Mahnaz herself wrote about Gulnaz in the article I mentored her through in January; it was a two-part series entitled "Afghan Feminist Thought." "Many educated Afghan men still smirk at the word 'feminist' and associate it with extremist ideas perpetrated by women," she wrote. "These men . . . get served first and eat the best food. As husbands, they think they have the right to beat and discipline their wives. As young boys, they order their sisters to fetch them water. And in government, they ask a girl to marry her rapist in order to free him from jail. People rarely respect the rights of women or accept feminist thinking in Afghanistan, but feminist concepts are precisely what is needed to bring about positive change."

She went on to describe the case of Gulnaz, who gave birth to her rapist's child in jail. For the adultery charge, Gulnaz was at first sentenced to three years in prison; at a second trial, her term was increased to 12 years. As Mahnaz noted, the judge presented her with a horrifying alternative: to marry her rapist. Gulnaz was eventually pardoned by President Hamid Karzai, in December 2011, but her future, according to Mahnaz, is grim. "Many rape victims have been . . . shot and killed by their family," she wrote. "There is no support system that encourages women to engage in politics, to stand up for feminist ideals, or to work toward justice."

The problems in Afghanistan, as Mahnaz sees them, aren't just cultural—they very much extend to religion. "We have lots of women who are really good scholars of Islam," she told me. "But I don't see any translation of the Holy Qur'an from women." She also wrote about this dearth of respect for female Muslim theologians in "Afghan Feminist Thought." She believes the absence of a woman's touch on translations of the Islamic holy scripture isn't accidental. "Unfortunately they are bringing lots more ideas in order to suppress and control women. Then they gradually get into the books and into the beliefs of people," she said of the male Muslim religious leadership. She has also challenged the hypocrisy of the way the religion is practiced. "In my religion, men can have four wives," she pointed out. "So I was always asking, 'Why can they have four wives, but a woman can't have four husbands?'"

MAHNAZ'S FATHER DOES NOT WANT HER TO RETURN TO Afghanistan after she graduates. He's always been supportive of her education, particularly because her older sister is plagued by regret over ending her education prematurely to get married. Her dad thinks Afghanistan is too limiting for women. Mahnaz doesn't disagree. During our time together on campus, she reminisced about the struggles she faced when she worked at an American NGO in Kabul in high school. She often argued with her male colleagues at the NGO and could never get them to recognize their own misogyny. "The men were saying it is not good for women to work," Mahnaz recalled. "I said, 'You see me, I am a woman working here. I'm very successful.'" But they insisted she was the exception, and that other women were prone to letting men take advantage of them. "I said, 'Okay, then that's your problem. Why you don't make yourself better humans. Why don't you become better humans so that our society becomes a good place for women to come and work?'"

She isn't totally opposed to returning to her homeland either. She'd like to work for the United Nations on women's and human rights issues, either in Afghanistan, the U.S., or somewhere else abroad, as a way to utilize the international relations portion of her double major. Another dream is to make films in Afghanistan (the other half of her major). Both documentary and feature films interest her, and so far she has shot several shorts—including one about the burn she sustained at the family wedding years ago. A film career, however, could prove even more challenging than the NGO work was. "It's very hard for women to come to Afghanistan and work in film as a director," she said. "There aren't organizations that support them." Furthermore, women working in film are considered immodest—although that fact is not likely to stop her. "I don't listen to them. I want to continue with what I like," Mahnaz told me. But first, she hopes to go to graduate school in one of her two areas of interest, film or international relations. "I will see what graduate school I get accepted to and whether I can get financial aid. Even if I don't get to graduate school, I want to work one year after my graduation in the United States. Then I will decide if I go back to Afghanistan or not."

If this excerpt from one of her own stories is any indication, there's no doubt she'll choose the right path. "A beautiful woman is a girl who decides about her own life. She . . . never submits to a bunch of ignorant old women who tell her whatever your family and relatives decide for you is the best. She thinks and decides for herself. Let her be alive and act alive. She is not a dead body that her family carries in the fog. She has a heart. They cannot bury it."

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SOPHIE'S CHOICE
Sophie Clarke '11 thought she could survive the island. She did that and more. Photograph by Jon Roemer

Reality Check

An alum writes about her first-year roommate—who just happened to win *Survivor.*

By Madison Kahn '11

Sophie was the first person I met at Middlebury. On move-in day, I noticed Sophie struggling to carry her life's possessions up three stories to Battell's "Nunnery," where I had just finished hauling mine. As I helped carry—and inevitably spill—boxes of clothes up the concrete stairway, we laughed and bonded over what silly implications our new home, "The Nunnery," could have. When we reached the top floor, I asked Sophie what room she was in. "Three oh five," she answered. "Hey, me too!" Sophie Clarke '11 would be my freshman-year roommate.

Sophie was a tough one to crack. She was hesitant to offer up a window into her life, so I was usually the one overcompensating by throwing the door open to mine. Sophie wasn't shy or cold; she simply had more layers than most. As I paraded around with a rowdy gaggle of field hockey players, I would often see Sophie in the dining hall with a small group of close friends—people who spent enough time with her to unfold some of her layers.

Whenever I walked into our room, Sophie would be hunched over her desk, poring over a new problem set or another Russian novel. She was so focused that oftentimes she wouldn't even notice I had walked in. If I struggled with biology homework, I went to Sophie—as did the rest of our hall—even though she had never taken the class. It wasn't just that Sophie was smart; she knew how to unravel the nuances of a question. She was strategic in her thinking, and usually if she spent enough time with a problem, she could figure it out. Sophie could stay up until the early hours of the morning working on a paper, even if that meant sitting on the girls' bathroom floor because I had gone to bed. Whatever was necessary to get the job done.

At the end of freshman year, our hall put together a list of superlatives that characterized each girl according to the rest. Sophie's—"Most Likely to Marry a Lax Bro"—couldn't have been further from the truth. Yet, I don't think anyone, much less Sophie herself, could've guessed her actual post-grad title—Reality TV Star, Winner of *Survivor South Pacific.*

Growing up, Sophie had watched the show with her family and picked it up again in college as a way to de-stress with friends. Taking after her father, Sophie would often yell at the contestants about what they should've done and would brag to friends about how good she would be on *Survivor.* One day in December of her senior year, Sophie's friend Sarafina Midzik '11 pushed her to earn those bragging rights. "We're making a video application so

THE FALLOUT
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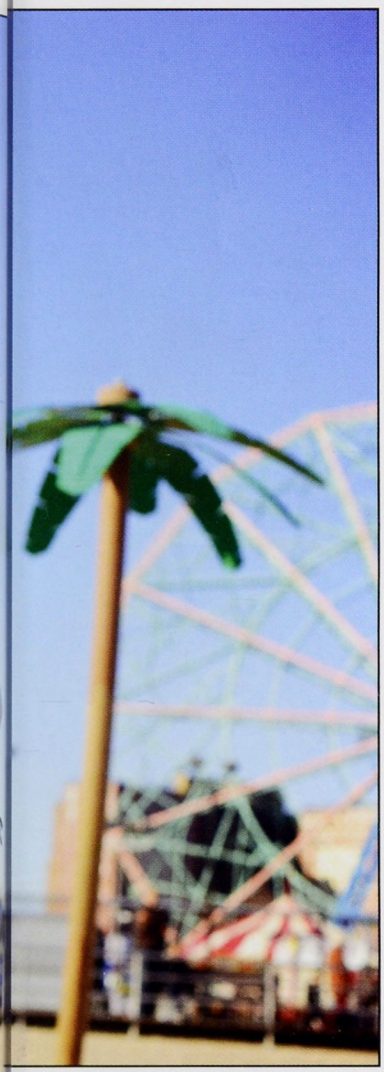
Photograph by Jon Roemer

that you can get on this show," Sarafina insisted.

The video showed off Sophie's extremes. Dressed in a lab coat, Sophie looked up from a microscope to tell the camera why her smarts would bring home the big bucks; moments later, she replaced the science garb with an '80s ski suit, showing viewers she could bring her game to the slopes as well. Her over-the-top confidence and swanky demeanor made her seem smug—but that was the goal. "It's not how I would normally present myself to people," Sophie confided. "I knew I had to make myself into some kind of character, a character they would want." It worked.



A month later Sophie received a call from CBS casting.

Sophie stuck with the same über-confident persona throughout the requisite series of aggressive interviews. "I wanted to seem genuine so that it didn't appear like I was putting up some kind of shtick," Sophie told me. Yet, she admits that it *was* like acting. "I had the way I talked to professors, the way I talked to friends, and then the way I talked to *Survivor* casting."

Surviving the island was only half the challenge; reentering life as a reality TV star was quite another.

The acting became part of Sophie's lifestyle during that final spring at Middlebury. Sworn to secrecy by CBS, Sophie devised a clever cover for the mysterious hour-long phone conversations and the days she would sneak off to Los Angeles for interviews: Sophie would be leading trips in Russia for the summer. Though her friends balked at the development, they were too busy enjoying their last days of college to question her plans. Meanwhile, Sophie was teaching herself how to skin a fish, start a fire, and crack a coconut. "I was physically there, but mentally, I was off in Survivorland." As it got closer to filming, Sophie began to feel removed. "I couldn't hang out with people who didn't know because I wasn't being genuine with them," she told me. This was the biggest thing that had ever happened to Sophie, and she couldn't tell a soul.

The day after graduation, Sophie left for Los Angeles. Those next 40 days were what she called "a living paranoia." Surviving the island was only half the challenge; reentering life as a reality TV star was quite another.

Sophie returned from the island thinking she had played a smart, aggressive game, only to realize when the show aired that the editors had portrayed her as anything but. Her story didn't really take shape until another cast member called her "pretentious." When the people she thought she had bonded with echoed this sentiment, Sophie took a second look at herself. "I'm not overly friendly to people I don't know, and sometimes I come off as aloof," she admitted. For the first time in her life, Sophie received some critical feedback about who she was—and she found that just as difficult as surviving the island itself.

The other contestants weren't the only ones judging Sophie. People on the Internet called her "Sophugly," writing her off as a "smug elitist," and a "smartarse" on *Survivor* forums. At first, Sophie was intimidated by this lack of privacy, but as time went by she felt liberated to be so exposed. When people would insult her, Sophie would simply wonder if that was all they had to remark about. "I almost think being so exposed made me more true to myself because I couldn't hide anything. I couldn't pretend to be someone I'm not."

Just as Sophie's view of herself changed, so too did her notion of reality TV. While she once considered it trash, she has since done a 180, and now considers *Survivor* a life-changing experience. "Believe it or not," Sophie told me, "Reality TV is real." She said this with such persistence I almost had to believe her.

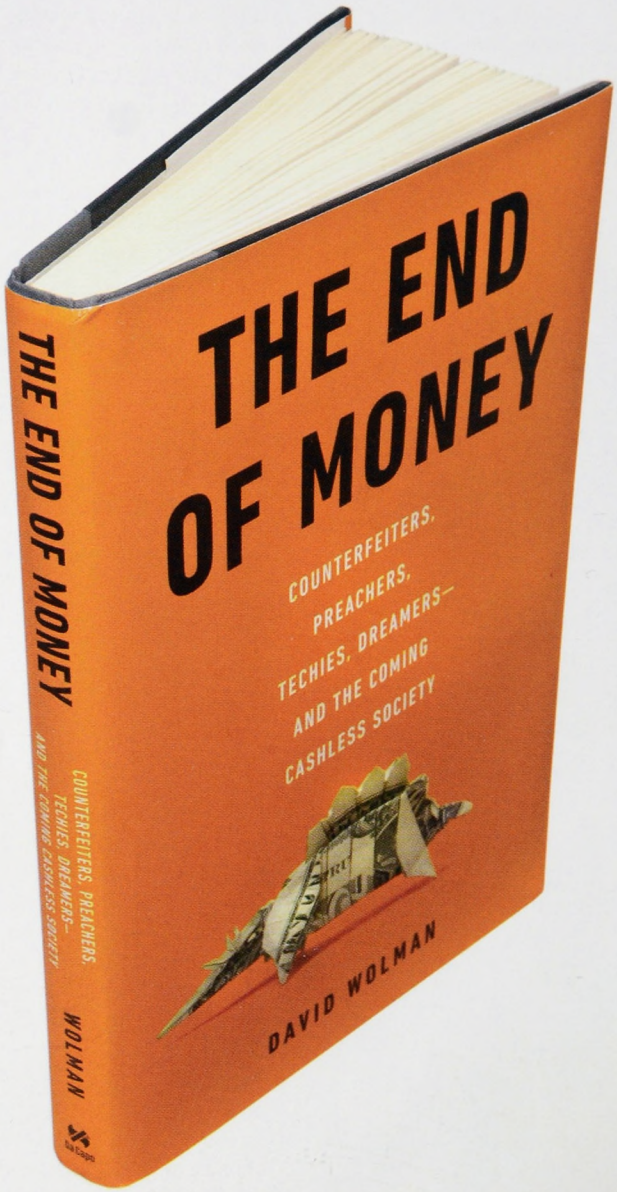
I could tell that this experience had affected her deeply. She seemed different, more mature and sure of herself. Rather than fighting her public image, she embraced it. Maybe Sophie knew who she was when she graduated, but now that the rest of the world had seen that person too, she seemed more comfortable letting others in.

For 40 days, Sophie starved, barely slept, and let a game of lies and betrayal consume her existence. But it also gave her a better sense of who she is, not to mention the fact that in the process of her self-discovery, she won a million bucks.

These days, Sophie has resumed life as a post-grad. She lives on the Upper East Side of New York City, a five-minute walk from Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, where she is studying to become a doctor. Certain things bring her back to the island. When Sophie sees bananas at the fruit stand, she feels the warmth of the Pacific sun. Every morning she drinks a cup of coffee—a switch she made on the island after winning a bag in one of the show's challenges. At times, Sophie will even wake up in the middle of the night on the hardwood floor, having moved there unconsciously from her bed, dreaming she's still on the island.

Cashing Out

Is it possible for our society to exist without cash?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By Matt Jennings

So, it appears that the physical paper dollar, that crumpled, bacteria-ridden, piece of filth that resides in your pocket—along with all its grubby cousins, coins—will one day, perhaps one day soon (!), go the way of the wampum, the animal pelt, the tobacco leaf as a form of tradable currency. That's what David Wolman '96 would like you to believe, and after reading his fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable book *The End of Money: Counterfeiters, Preachers, Techies, Dreamers—and the Coming Cashless Society* (Da Capo Press, 2012), I'm right there with him. Good riddance to the greenback, I say.

All I needed to know to come to this conclusion can be found in one sentence on page 28: "Traces of the bacteria *staphylococcus* have been detected on 94 percent of all U.S. dollar bills." Never mind that, on the very next page, a friend of Wolman's at the Centers for Disease Control essentially says that for people to become sick from dollar bills, they would need to be "sucking on banknotes or inserting them in their noses" to even put them at risk of becoming sick, to which I say, close enough. And indeed, Wolman joins me in being disgusted by food handlers who take a sweat-stained dollar from someone and then use the same contaminated fingers to drop a lemon into someone else's drink. Gross, right?

Wolman's case for the end of money goes far beyond the ick factor, though. As he points out, there are all kinds of reasons to get rid of cash. It's the currency of crime, for one (think: robbery, counterfeiting, and drug dealing); it's insanely expensive—and we're not just talking about what it costs to actually make the currency but the cost of inefficiency associated with cash and cash transactions (or non-transactions); and it's dangerous for reasons we don't often think about (eco-costs, for example).

Throughout the book, Wolman finds fascinating characters to shed light on the inadequacies and toxicity of cash, and he spends just as much time talking about what will (and should) replace cash in the coming years.

Wolman is a contributing editor at *Wired* magazine, so it shouldn't come as a surprise to find him spending a fair amount of time addressing the number of digital alternatives—and their inventors, champions, and pioneers—to cash transactions. (Some seem a little screwy to me, but others induce that familiar feeling of "of course," followed by "why didn't I think of that?")

The most fun, though, might be the vicarious thrill of tagging along on Wolman's Plimpton-esque journey of going cashless, himself, for a year. I won't spoil anything, but there are some humorous moments where the rule of the given realm is still cash money.

I should acknowledge that David Wolman is a friend of mine. We've published his writing in this magazine, and I've been an avid reader and champion of not only his magazine journalism but also his previous books (*A Left-Hand Turn around the World* and *Righting the Mother Tongue*). Yet all these connections aside, *The End of Money* is just the type of book that curious readers, like me, would naturally gravitate toward. And I wasn't disappointed. You won't be, either.

Fans of Eudora Welty, who died in 2001, will joyfully immerse themselves in yet another aspect of the much-loved and complex author, and lovers of gardens will discover a kindred spirit (or three) within *One Writer's Garden: Eudora Welty's Home Place* (University Press of Mississippi, 2011), by Susan Haltom and Jane Roy Brown '75.

Playing off the title of another Welty favorite—*One Writer's Beginnings,* her 1984 memoir in which she chronicled her life along with some instruction on how to write—Haltom and Brown have delivered an equally evocative narrative of a family garden, a fading Southern culture, and a span of time and history from the 1920s to postwar America.

For those who know Welty's work, 1119 Pinehurst Street in Jackson, Mississippi, is as familiar an address as one's childhood home. It was from here, after all, that she wrote so many of the stories that have earned a lasting place among modern short stories. But this beautiful book unearths a different and deeply rich glance into the Welty home that many have not seen before.

Haltom first became engaged in the project as a local gardener in Jackson, when she approached the aging Welty with an interest in revitalizing the family garden. The Welty home and surrounding gardens had been a celebrated centerpiece at the hands of a younger Eudora and her mother, Chestina, who had designed the original garden in 1925. Tended with care by Eudora for decades after that, it had fallen into disarray in her later years. With Haltom's help, she began to re-imagine the once vibrant sanctuary, recalling the flowers and plants that had flourished under her mother's hands.

Private papers released a few years after Welty died in 2001 affirmed that the garden had indeed offered both solace and inspiration for her. Haltom and Brown have included several writings that were previously unpublished, including literary passages and excerpts from her private correspondence. They highlight not only the connections to Welty and her writing, but also to the time period in which she lived. Divided into four parts, the book covers the gardening seasons and also illuminates four decades of radically evolving Southern culture—from the 1920s to the postwar 1950s. Through Haltom and Brown's writing, we see the role of garden clubs and yardmen as social norms, and the way gardens were upheld as the ideal antidote to all that could possibly fail one—the healing quality of combining work and introspection. The writing is colorfully interspersed with handwritten notes, garden maps, local advertisements, and plenty of photos—both historical and contemporary. Appendices tucked into the back include wonderfully cataloged information, such as planting lists over the decades, a breakdown of roses and annuals, a partial list of plant names that occur in Welty's works, and even a discussion guide for book club goers.

Those familiar with Welty's writing will remember how she often included images of Southern flora in her writing—"The Worn Path," "Flower for Marjorie" and "A Good Man Is Hard to Find" are but a few—and the authors of this book help draw those connections, giving one a better understanding of the role that flowers and gardens play in her works. One passage reads as follows:

> *References to flowers and gardens colored her fiction and correspondence. Their consistent presence in her writing reveals that the flower garden lay at the heart of her inner world, sustaining her creativity and stirring her imagination.*

Complementing the authors' well-tended prose is a rich collection of full-page images by noted landscape photographer Langdon Clay, who captured the revitalized garden at all its current seasonal highpoints.

This is truly a book to be relished over time and enjoyed for many years to come. The pages are silky smooth; even the type is carefully laid out. The heft of the book itself encourages long leisurely reading by a sunlit window.

—*Blair Kloman, MA English '94*

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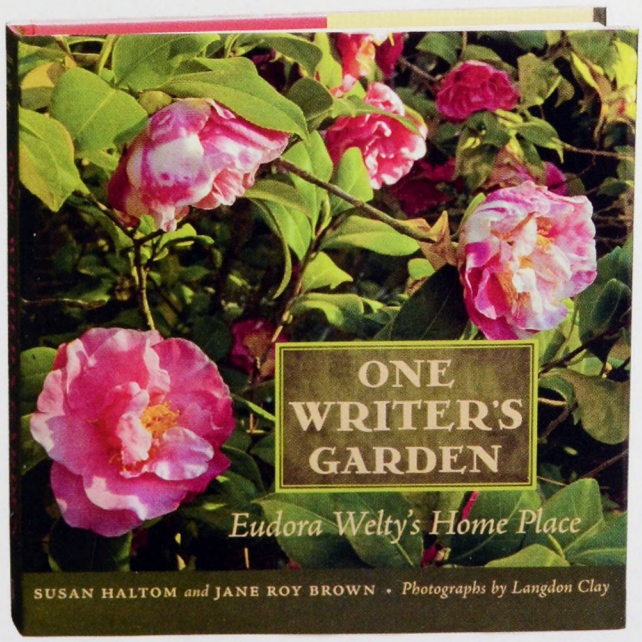

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The September 1937 *News Letter* had an interesting article called "Commencement Reflections: An Interview with Grace E. Monty '22." Miss Monty, who was blind, returned to campus with other alumni for a reunion and to attend the 1937 commencement. When asked how she could "see" so much that weekend, she said immediately, "Through the eyes of memory, imagination, and friends." Here are some excerpts from her reflections: "The familiar scene of Class Day exercises on lower campus had a glorious setting as far as weather and glowing spirits were concerned. The traditional daisy chain and long line of young graduates made a scene fit for the gods. The exercises were enjoyed more than in previous years because of the use of a loud speaker, which enabled us to hear every word and helped to drown out the constant chatter among the groups gathered here and there. For even though the 'alums' were vitally interested in seeing and hearing about the progress of the present day student body, they were apt to be overcome with the joy of reuniting with their own associates of former days. However, the Class History, Prophecy and Will were most entertaining and gave us a glimpse into the life of the College as it is today. An outstanding event was the Barbecue held at one o'clock—a new institution, established at Middlebury three years ago. A large tent was erected in front of the gymnasium, and tables with delicious eats graced the interior. Miss Dutton was mainly responsible for the inviting food, served cafeteria style to the guests. The alumni sat at their Class tables and expressed much enthusiasm for the program and the repast. The College band playing outside the tent provided the musical setting. And in the clever musical skits given by representatives of the senior class, it was possible to review in an entirely different background some of the scenes from the undergraduate performance of *Bavarian Night* produced last winter." Miss Monty enjoyed all the informal events from the baseball game that was won by the seniors to the tea on the lawn of the president's home, the class suppers, and the informal dance. Next issue, there will be excerpts from her reflections on the commencement.

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Classmates please take note that a few thoughtful "mates" do send news, which is most appreciated! I'm sure you enjoy reading them and it would be very much appreciated if you would do the same. **Ray Brainard** wrote to me. To quote him, "I read with interest about some of the people in our class. I am presently confined to a wheelchair due to some falls and still live at the Forum at Desert Harbor in Arizona. I remember being at your home in New Jersey for a gathering of those about to enter Middlebury. It was a very good choice, I think, for all of us. This note is being written by my principal caregiver, Krystal, who has been with me for 12 years. Best regards to all who you talk with and see." ✳ A phone call in January from **Polly Overton Camp** said that her three sons plus grandchildren visited her at her home in Southbury, Conn., over the holidays. One of her grandsons will be married at their summer cottage in Madison, Conn., this summer. Polly continues living alone, which I'm sure many of us admire. ✳ I received the program from **Bob Matteson** Day held in North Bennington, Vt., last August 28, which I wrote about in my winter column. Bob, as the honoree, arrived at noon and there were refreshments followed at 12:30 with opening remarks, proclamations, and stories from friends, peers, and family plus an interview with Bob. At 1:15 the community asked Bob about his life and community work or told a story about him from his history in the area. At 1:45 there were more refreshments and a chance for people to visit with their neighbors or buy a T-shirt or DVD as a souvenir of the day. Congratulations, Bob, for all your accomplishments in your community and the state, which includes an appointment to the Governor's Commission on Healthy Aging.

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Rebecca Skinner '73 sent a note: "With sadness, I write to let you know that my dear mother **Ruth Coleman Skinner** died on January 30. I think her four years at Middlebury were among the happiest of her life. She met her beloved husband, **Ray Skinner**, while there and several lifelong friends. She received an education that enriched her life, and the value she placed on a college education was passed along to her three children. Indeed, whether to go to college was never a question for us but rather where." We send our sympathy to the Skinner family. An obituary will appear in a future issue. ✳ **Helen Brewer Chadwick** reports that she recently entered assisted living and is still getting adjusted to it. In college she met and kept many good friends. She enjoyed learning to ski on the chapel hill and enjoyed the Mountain Club hikes. She loved the service in the chapel on Sundays with the choir. ✳ **Edith Egbert Bennett** remembers the fun she had as a member of a sorority, especially the dances and the parties. She also enjoyed attending football games. She laughs about her attempts to learn to ski. She remembers her literature classes and became an avid reader. ✳ **Gertrude Bittle Murray** resides in an adult home in Goshen, N.Y. Her fondest memory of college days was walks with her husband-to-be, **Tom**. ✳ **Jeanette Olson Gould** is in an assisted living facility in Beaufort, S.C., near her son. She's in good health and good spirits. She frequently talks about her wonderful days at the College. Her contact address is Jeanette Gould, c/o Robert Gould, 3 River Bend Drive, Callawassie, SC 29909. ✳ In a recent canvass of the women of the Class of '39 I learned that **Eleanor Jeschke Jacques** died in February of 2004. I also learned that **Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey**, who died in April 2011, was resolved prior to her death to see her eldest granddaughter, who is an ensign on the destroyer USS *Donald Cook,* serving as an engineering officer. The memory of college years that she often told her son was that during the Depression some of the local members of the student body would go deer hunting to supplement their food supply. She thought it was very practical.

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We have come to the end of our messages that classmates sent to **R.C. Anderson** for the 70th reunion. Here are the last two: **Bobbie Carrick Brooker** sent a memory from after college. "Since I left in the middle of our sophomore year and was married in 1938, I was not paying a lot of attention to world affairs until England got into the war. Obviously when we did join the war and Walter '37 went into the Navy, I was focused. By that time we had two kids and life was quite different for some time." Bobbie recently moved to the Lodge at Otter

Creek and has a new address: 350 Lodge Rd., #416, Middlebury, VT 05753. Her phone number is 802-458-3336. ✳ **R.C. Anderson** wrote about his post-Middlebury years and here are some excerpts: "After our graduation in 1940, I spent most of that summer working as the salad chef at Bread Loaf, after which I embarked on the hike of the Long Trail for W. Storrs Lee '28. I then went to Cambridge, Mass., having been accepted in the graduate school at MIT, and booked half a room with five other students in a tenement on Mass Ave. downwind of the Necco factory. I enjoyed my year there. But, we were given to understand that the U.S. was already virtually at war and the MIT faculty recommended we put our nascent scientific talents to immediate use. I found a position at Merck & Co. in Rahway, N.J., was cleared, and was put on a then-secret project of the U.S. Office of Medical Research, which turned out to be to synthesize penicillin, the newly discovered wonder drug, then in very limited supply. I was attached to a very strong, talented group of organic chemists, one of whom was Stanton Harris '24, a brilliant, laid-back country boy, who was born and raised on a farm just west of the College. I spent the war at Merck, doing bench chemistry on (besides penicillin) biotin, vitamin B12, and ascorbic acid. In 1945, as WWII ended, a consultant to Merck, a professor at Princeton, invited me to pursue a PhD there, which I earned in 1948. My thesis adviser and mentor was Everett Wallis, who was born and raised in Waitsfield, Vt. Wallis was admired for his testimony in a legal case in which the addition of vitamin D to flour for making bread was challenged as adulteration. Wallis pointed out that since vitamin D was of a higher value than flour, the addition amounted, in fact, to enrichment."

[Ed. note: We are extremely sorry to report that Loring Pratt, your correspondent, passed away on March 13. Our condolences are sent to his family.]

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Correspondent **Elizabeth Wolfington Hubbard-Ovens** reports: I received a letter from Barbara Busing Harris '46 from the Taylor Community in New Hampshire. She enclosed an article from the local paper, the *Laconia Daily Sun,* with a photo of **Ginny Brooks Hutton** and her great-granddaughter, Emma Noel, during a centennial celebration of the Girl Scouts held at her community. Ginny joined the Girl Scouts in 1928 when she was living in Springfield, Vt., and stayed active until 1935. Eight years later she was "emboldened enough to enlist with the U.S. Marine Corps and served her country as a first lieutenant overseeing a post exchange in Arlington, Va." Emma, who has been a Girl Scout most of her young life, will travel in June to Savannah, Ga., where Juliette Low founded the Girl Scouts in 1912, for a 100th anniversary camporee. Barbara Harris added that Ginny still lives in her own cottage and leads one of the exercise classes at Taylor a couple times a week! ✳ I recently found a dance card from 1939 among my things. I have quite a few in a dusty scrapbook, but this one is a treasure. It was for the Winter Carnival Ball and was personally signed by Glenn Miller! He and his orchestra played at that ball in McCullough Gymnasium. The card says the chaperones were President and Mrs. Paul Moody, Dean Eleanor Ross, the Pattersons, and the Womacks.

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Bill Hennefrund died last November after a writing life that took him from editor of Midd's *Campus*, into Army Air Corps coverage in *Yank Magazine*, and through public relations work for companies in NYC and Washington, D.C. His business writing was accompanied by many freelance articles, essays, and fiction that appeared in various publications (including *Vermont Life*). His photography hobby led to local exhibits, plus the illustration of several children's books by wife Tommy (Elizabeth Ring '44). Bill leaves behind daughters Joan and Kristin, four grandchildren, and four great-grands. Tommy says, "What we miss most is his humor. Shortly after he left us, we shared (aloud) one of his short essays—his wry take on me dragging him to a local dance class about 10 years ago. Bill's voice and perspective will stay with us, for sure." ✳ Sadly, we learned as the winter magazine went to press that **Joan Calley Cooper** passed away December 29 after an illness brought about by a fall she took. For many years she served as the class correspondent and took pleasure in connecting with classmates. She will be greatly missed. If anyone would like to take on the role of correspondent, you can contact the alumni editor, Sara Marshall, at 152 College Street, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753 or 802-443-5650.

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Correspondent **Jean Jordan Sheild** reports: I had an amazing conversation with **Jane Botsford Armstrong**. Because she has become almost blind, she has put away the hammer, chisel, and power tools she previously used to carve in marble and is now working in clay. She described the piece she's working on as "a mountain lion that has been sleeping and is disturbed by a butterfly on his tail." She explained that this could not have been done in marble because of the way the legs are extended and the body is twisted. Although she had felt depressed when she had to give up carving in marble, she is finding this medium very rewarding. Jane has also worked in bronze. In fact, she made the bronze intertwined sea horses that can be seen by the swimming pool at the Equinox Resort and Spa in Manchester, Vt. Recalling her Middlebury days, she told how she carved a snow sculpture for Winter Carnival, a six-foot seated woman, and it won first prize. Years later she carved a head of Robert Frost from marble, which is now located at the Bread Loaf Inn. Another example of the talented class of '43! ✳ News from **Betty Brigham Barrett** indicates she enjoys living at Atria Crossroads and has her children nearby. In fact, son Rich answered the phone. Although she has given up playing golf, she enjoys summertime with the family in New London, R.I. Her present facility is located near the Coast Guard Academy, which means there's lots going on, sometimes concerts and also activities to keep in shape. She laughingly admitted having a boyfriend keeps her busy. ✳ Winter in Shawnee, Kan., was not very bad this year, according to **Donna Rogers Brackett**. She feels pretty good although she's in a wheelchair much of the time. Donna and her husband were happy to celebrate their 67th anniversary recently. She enjoys reading large-print books and recommends a book about an African lady detective by Alexander McCall Smith, which she just finished. ✳ **Eleanor Reier Brown** is as active as ever. We had a brief conversation, as she and her husband were getting ready to go out the door. They have enjoyed symphony in Boston and summer theater in Williamstown, Mass. Her husband had attended Williams College and she received her master's in biology at Williams. ✳ I found out from **Beth Warner Carney**'s daughter Susan that Beth has moved to a small apartment near two other daughters but still in Reno, Nev. Although she has mild dementia, she has taken up photography and loves to take pictures of the scenery in that area during all four seasons. She loves to watch movies, listen to music, and write to friends. She has one grandson there and another nearby, making her life happy and contented. ✳ **Dorothy "Teddy" Hood Bittmann**'s daughter Nancy writes, "We enjoyed celebrating her 90th birthday with family in November. She is also a proud great-grandmother for the first time." Teddy continues to reside near her daughter in Dayton, Ohio. ✳ **Ann Cole Byington** reported they enjoyed a New Year's Eve party at the facility where they're living and added there's always lots of entertainment right there, so they don't need to go out much. They've lived at The Village in Duxbury for 10 years. Her main project right now is knitting sweaters for her two great-grandsons, ages two and three. Ann sends greetings to all her classmates! ✳ Correspondent **John Gale** reports: **Phil Backup** remains well and active, celebrated his 90th birthday last summer, and in January said he'd be skiing as soon as there was enough snow. Last fall he and Ruth enjoyed their annual trip to Hawaii for golf. He noted that our 70th reunion is now only a year and a half away; he's planning to attend and looking forward to it. ✳ **Ted Peach**, in Northern California, attended the February graduation of granddaughter Molly from Middlebury. Her graduation extended the already 100-year-plus history of Peach family graduations from the College that began in 1909 with Ted's father. He remains well and when I talked with him he was sitting on his deck, admiring a splendid California sunset and sipping a bit of Jim Beam. ✳ Although no longer raising dogs for Seeing Eye training, **Dumont Rush** says he and Peggy now do frequent "dog sitting" for traveling neighbors, which his neighbors appreciate and, as Dumont says, provides a "dog fix" for him without having to care for a dog full time. They both remain well. ✳ **Roger Easton** is now at the nursing facility of the Wheelock Terrace retirement community, 32 Buck Rd., Hanover, NH 03755. Wife Barbara also has a room at Wheelock Terrace and is able to visit Roger daily. ✳ The year of 2011 was much better than 2010, reports **Bud Nims**. In late 2010, he had a long hospitalization with a severe viral infection and was not discharged until two days before Christmas. Bud surmised that if he'd been a smoker he would not have survived. He has four great-grandchildren, 10 grandchildren, and eight kids in his local area and expected to see them all this past Christmas. In January he was working 20 hours a week at his usual job at Walmart; he commented that the company may be about the only one that would hire and keep at work a 90-year-old. ✳ **Stu Walker** doesn't travel much now that wife Frances requires a wheelchair to get about. However, he continues to set records in the sailing world. The Annapolis group has sponsored an annual New Year's Day race since 1955; Stu has missed only five, and in the Soling class has won 32 of the 58 events. He did manage to get to Europe in September for a championship race in Austria on the Attersee, in which he placed second, his highest rank ever. ✳ With regret, I report the death of **Bruce George** on November 14 in Troy, Ohio. Bruce left Middlebury to serve in the Air Force from 1942–1945 in meteorology, mainly in North Africa and the Middle East. He then became an independent insurance broker, and also a reviewer of music records, especially those

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used in figure skating. He sang in the Dayton Philharmonic Chorus and each year led the Troy Mayor's Concert. Wife Harriet (Lindenberger) '44 died in 2009. ✳ I also deeply regret to report the death of **Dick Morehouse** at his home in Camden, Maine, on January 8, following a major stroke. In 1943 Dick entered the Army Air Force Cadet Program, becoming a pilot and flying B-24 bombers. Then he went to Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1945 where he obtained a master's in architecture and began a lifelong diverse architectural practice ranging from the design of buildings atop Mt. Washington to dwellings on his beloved Vinalhaven Island in Maine, working on the latter nearly up to the time of his death. He was one of the most friendly, thoughtful, and talented members of our class, the possessor of a delightfully humorous way of looking at life, whose glass was always at least half full even during his later years when he dealt courageously with severe physical impairments without complaint. Condolences have been expressed to his wife, Lee (Van Leuven) '45, with whom he shared 66 years of married life.

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Hugh Taft is at home in Hanover, N.H., where he and Barbara have lived going on 13 years. Although Hugh has let someone else take over his role as president of Kendal Residence Council and has given up downhill skiing for cross-country, he and Barbara are fully into their favorite activities, including many of the cultural opportunities offered by nearby Dartmouth College. "How," he asks, "did I get to do all the things I'm into now before I retired?" Some family is also close by, so there are few dull moments. No, he doesn't miss presiding over his computer-based business (Vermont Research Corp.), which he founded back in 1960 in Springfield, Vt. (40 miles downriver from Hanover). Son Rod (MIT-trained like his dad) keeps Hugh informed on how sophisticated and competitive the marketing and sales business (which Rod loves) is these days. Daughter Pamela, who has worked for 31 years on the World Food Program for the UN, now lives in Springfield. Daughter Martha is in D.C. with her husband, who works in software for college fund-raising. Of the Tafts' grandchildren, one granddaughter is far off, in Ghana, where she works with an NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in support of women farmers. ✳ **William Neale**, along with some of his Scottsdale, Ariz., friends, hasn't yet gotten around to a continuation of the high-flying adventures they enjoyed together a couple of years ago (skydiving over the desert). Car driving gets Bill around just fine. The wide-range traveling Bill and wife Maxine once relished (including 19 cruises) seemed not so attractive after Maxine passed away four years ago. He is, however, much in touch locally; his son and some of his family live nearby Bill's residence—including a great-granddaughter and her two children. These young relatives, plus a great-grandson (in the Air Force in Japan), who is also the father of two little ones, makes Bill the only great-great-grandparent he—or anyone he knows—knows. "Everybody married young," Bill says. "They all keep things lively." ✳ It's sad to have to report that several of our classmates left our company last year, some of whose obituaries appeared in the winter issue of the magazine. We talked with **Barbara Dixon Morton** not long before she passed away in April 2011. Bibbie said she was really comfortable in Florida, having chosen year-round residence in her Venice home where the weather "feels friendly all year—not just the winters John and I spent here when he was around." ✳ **Elihu Wing**, who also died in April, has left behind his significant medical career in Rhode Island and the Dominican Republic, but remains attached to Midd in the presence of his granddaughter, Jacquelyn Breckenridge, Class of 2014. ✳ **Jane Stearns Brown** had been living on Martha's Vineyard for some time when she passed away last April. She had renovated her old home in Oak Bluffs and retired from a long teaching career away from the Vineyard. Having the company of family and friends, plus the time for the poetry she loved to write, she was, she told us a couple of years ago, "so happy to watch the seasons come and go in the place I've known since my childhood—but only in summertime." ✳ On December 21, just past midnight, **Marylu Graham Atkins** died peacefully at home with family at her side. For 10 years, she and **Neil** had faithfully prepared this column and she had lived long enough to proudly meet four great-grandchildren. We will, of course, all keep our departed '44ers in our thoughts.

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Jessie Woodwell Bush writes, "Last October Arch and I spent one week on Cape Cod, visiting a nephew in South Dennis and **Faith Freeman Twombly** in nearby Chatham. It was our first reunion with Faith in 10 years and we were happy to find her in good health and spirits. She has her own apartment in her daughter's home, giving her a feeling of security, yet living quite an independent life. She still drives and meets friends for coffee and conversation daily. She is living on the property owned in her family for many generations and has written a beautiful memoir about her own life and the history of her family in that area. Faith and I were roommates during her last semester at Midd and it was great to be together again." ✳ From Florida **Gordon Mathews** sent several pieces he has shared with the editor of the *Naples Daily News*. My favorite is (quoting) "Re: Help to an ailing world. The help is all in a song by Johnny Mercer: 'You've got to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, and latch on to the affirmative. Don't mess with Mister In-Between.'" Gets your feet moving too, right? ✳ Marion and **Ray Walch** continue to do well in Florida. He says he's keeping out of trouble, watching Ellen on TV, reading Zane Grey, watching the neighbors, phoning relatives, eating, and sleeping carefully (no falling out of bed)! He's stopped going to several doctors and finished up with the pain clinic. Their 10 grandchildren keep them interested in various escapades. Son Frank lives in Monkton, Vt., and keeps them up on what is going on at the College. They have a Walch family reunion every year in New Hampshire and this year is the 135th one. They're hoping to attend and he says oldest son Wayne '73 has offered assistance. Ray says maybe he'll get to argue with his 89-year-old brother! ✳ **Elaine King Dandh** sent her annual Christmas letter and here is an excerpt: "This year brought some big surprises. On the Fourth of July I got an e-mail from a group of high school students that I had taught in Auburn, Mass., sometime during the '60s. Supposing that I might by now be dead, one had Googled me, then gone on somehow to find an e-mail address. Probably the brightest group that ever fell into my hands, this crew has prospered. I remember them only as a group of '60s adolescents, sometimes full of jokes, sometimes full of wisdom. They continue to write and I'm delighted. Some send photographs of themselves, now handsome baby boomers, but no matter how hard I try, I still see them as they were, and I still call them the Kids." She talks about the violence they hear of in the Rio Grande Valley where they live then adds, "This morning when I went out to pick up the newspaper, a peacock was in the front yard, finishing off the ornamental cabbage plants I had set in the garden. A neighbor has a large flock, and sometimes they perch on the roof of the house across the way. Kesari remembers from his boyhood in the Indian desert how much damage these birds can do to a roof, and he worries, but if this is all the violence we run into here, why worry?" ✳ I received a Christmas card from **Fred "Ted" Kelly** that includes a photo of him, the proud dad, with his three daughters and one son. There was also a photo of a painting given by him to the Popham Circle of "The Fort of Popham, Maine," in memory of wife Priscilla Bryant Kelly who died in 2004. We remember her as "Pat," Class of 1944. Ted says he still smokes one cigar a day (outside) and has one good drink a day—everything in moderation. He was a close friend of the late **Phil Dunham** in the time they shared at Middlebury. ✳ **Alice Southworth Twible** and Harlan visited Callaway Gardens in Georgia with daughter Barbara last fall. They are pulling back a bit from Alice singing in the choir of the First Baptist Church in Sarasota, Fla., and Harlan from his speaking tours to high schools and civic organizations. "There comes a time." ✳ **Dottie Laux O'Brien** sent an obit for Peter Stanlis '42, a senior when she was a freshman. He was president of the Literary Club, and she was the secretary. There is a photo of them in a *Kaleidoscope*. He wrote several books and many articles about his friend and mentor, poet Robert Frost. He used to visit Dottie in Manchester on his way to the Robert Frost Stone House to give a lecture. ✳ **Janet Kemp Doell** spent two months in Alaska last summer, near Anchorage and in Homer, visiting with the four of her children who live up there and some of their families. She was even the officiator at the wedding of one of her granddaughters and felt so honored to be asked. She adds, "I took a ferry trip out to the Aleutian Islands with a niece at the start of the summer. One would think that the Second World War had just taken place when one is looking at ruins and photographs of the action that happened there at the time. I was aware that fighting was going on there then, but I had no idea of the extent of it. After visiting the kids, I have decided to move to assisted living in Homer, Alaska, in the spring of 2013. I like to think of it as the beginning of a new part of my life and not the beginning of the end of it." ✳ **Betty Adell McCord** checked in from Florida to say, "Everything is going well—just more slowly." ✳ As for me, I am enjoying live HD opera from the Met at Peterborough Players until it is daffodil time. Keep in touch. "Mew"

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Nancy Rathgeb Smith is most grateful to be feeling well and to have had all her family for Christmas (15 people and five dogs). She's thankful they all have such fun together. Daughter Sara's son is a sophomore at Skidmore and son Scott's daughter is a sophomore at the Univ. of Michigan. Nancy

is still in her same house but thinking about a possible change. She doesn't do as much volunteer work as she used to except occasionally helping at the Alzheimer's office but she does play bridge three times a month. Last Thanksgiving she went to Sara's house in Charlotte, Vt., and took the train, which brought back many memories. ✳ We are so very sorry to report that **Louise Heald Aines** lost her husband last year—beloved Ron, husband, father, grandpa, and Bugga. They had a fine memorial service in Illinois with over 100 people attending and a second one later in Rockport, Mass., for family and friends there. How much she will miss him, his encouragement and love. She will particularly miss their visits to Middlebury seeing loved ones and family as well as her beloved college! She plans to spend time in Phoenix with her daughter and in Denver with her son's family, where she spent Christmas and New Year's. ✳ **Bette Royce**, with brother Bob and his wife, Nancy, took a trip to New England last fall. She flew to Wisconsin, then took a ferry with Bob and Nancy across Lake Michigan to visit their granddaughter in Grand Rapids. From there they headed to the Berkshires to see a niece and family, then on to Greenfield, Mass., to visit another granddaughter before heading to Midd. She says, "We came across several places where Irene had left damage, which was very sad, especially where those beautiful covered bridges had been washed away. The road crews were hard at work everywhere." ✳ Rev. **Avery Post** continues to live at Kendal in Hanover, N.H., with many old and new friends. He stays wonderfully and lovingly connected to his four daughters and 11 grandchildren and enjoys family time in the summer at his mountain home in Randolph, N.H. He's grateful over the years that our class included him and wife Peg (Rowland) '45 as members of the class. He finished college at Ohio Wesleyan in a Navy uniform. He is at home in the faith community of Norwich (Vt.) Congregational Church and is delighted with the pluses of living in a college town, especially as a member of the Institute for Life and Learning at Dartmouth. He's attuned to poetry and politics and seeking to be a hope-filled elderly activist for justice and a peaceful world in these perilous times. ✳ **Ruth "Smiley" Wiley Wendell** sent news of **Joyce Hitchcock Hardy**. Joyce has moved from the senior residence in Framingham, Mass. (near her son), to an assisted living facility in Shelburne, Vt. (near her daughter), which offers more care. She now has a pacemaker and had a couple of hospitalizations last summer. Her new address is 185 Pine Haven Shores Rd., Apt. 3112, Shelburne, VT 05482. ✳ **Smiley** also reported the death of **Betty Moulton Clark** on December 7 at her assisted living facility. It was unexpected, and just two days before, she had attended her Sunday School class Christmas meeting. Our class sends condolences to her family. ✳ **Smiley** herself is doing her best to delay the inevitable. She was planning to ski this winter, as was **Kelly Delong Desmond**. Smiley also planned to go to Midd in February for grandson Wil Mackey's graduation. Wil was thrilled to be a Feb graduate because they ski down the slope at the Snow Bowl for their ceremony. Smiley couldn't wait to see how they kept their mortarboards on. Granddaughter Anna Mackey is in her second year at Midd and very happy there. ✳ **Barbara Busing Harris** has two new great-grandsons. One of the mothers is granddaughter Megan Harris '00, who went to medical school at UVM and finished her residency at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital the day after giving birth. Megan has joined Community Medical Assoc. in Newport, Vt., which is the same practice her father, Peter '74, is in. ✳ **Barbara Snow Cassedy** has moved to Chevy Chase, Md., where she is in a slightly smaller apartment and finding it hard to fit in all her stuff. Driving from a new place is a little disconcerting and unfortunately she has not found any Middlebury graduates around. ✳ After reunion **Jean "Lucky" Luckhardt Stratton** and Bud spent seven weeks at their cottage on Cousins Island, Yarmouth, Maine, with generations of her family congregated in a variety of cottages. Another plus is that **Betsy Barclay Wales** lives year-round in Yarmouth so she sees her almost daily and they swim in Casco Bay. They have continued their long-standing Scrabble competition for which they've kept scores for 10 years. (Wow, I wonder how many games that is!) Lucky marvels at their wonderful friendship spanning Middlebury days, career days in Boston in the '40s, her years of being married to Betsy's older brother, and now married to a high school classmate of Betsy's. Betsy had another art show last summer in Yarmouth and **Jeanne Picard Johnson** and her spouse came to see the exhibit so they all had dinner together. In the winter the Strattons live in Meadow Leas in Medford, N.J., and right across the court from them are their good friends Wil and Barbara Verdicchio Britten '47. ✳ **Gloria Antolini Keyser** has her first great-grandchild, Hutch, who was born last May in Denver. She hasn't met him yet but hopes to do so this year. ✳ **Mary Nasmith Means**, from Ashburn, Va., **Mary Jane Selleck Hellekjaer**, from Bethesda, Md., and **Barbara "Flinkie" Flink Ewels** from New Hampshire met once again for lunch at a Tysons Corner, Va., Italian restaurant. Flinkie was visiting her daughter's family in Bethesda for a couple of weeks as she leaves the cold winters behind to head to the balmy weather of Florida for three months. Flinkie brought a picture of the reunion group and Mary thought we all looked just like we did five years ago. ✳ **Peg Romer Jones** says her days are very busy with a lot of her time spent at the local hospital where she is chair of the auxiliary-manned information desk, which involves about 35 people, and the membership committee for the auxiliary. In the summer she takes part in water aerobic workouts, which she loves. It's about the only nice part of a Florida summer. ✳ **Mary Elizabeth Cummings Nordstrom** has a new temporary full-time job at the computer. She's glad to be of service typing a couple of novels written by a baby-boomer friend who landed in jail after being "framed" by a disgruntled former partner. In jail he is able to help unloved, insecure people to recover from drugs. He's a one-man imbedded prison ministry, in her opinion.

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47 REUNION CLASS

I have received a number of notes from our classmates saying they have no news. However, all are alive, alert, and well or "well-ish." That, in itself, is good news. ✳ **Ruth Barber Toner** called to say she had no news, but we had a delightful conversation about past experiences at Midd. We talked about the possibility of meeting at the reunion in June. ✳ **Helen Prentice Theimer**'s new book, *Alice: Her Calling,* is available at Amazon under the name Helen Theimer rather than Helen Prentice. Helen reported that Sama, **Eunice Goodfellow Ratnaike**'s daughter, had called and said that her mother's memory is "iffy." ✳ **Jean Mace Burnell** hopes to attend the reunion, but writes that "time will tell." The same is true for **Muriel Mack Lamppert**. Muriel suffered a stroke last March and spent time in a hospital, followed by a stay in a rehabilitation center and then home care. The stroke affected her right side and she can no longer write, but it did not affect her speech. She is trying hard to improve her health so that she'll be able to attend in June. ✳ **Joyce Walsh Heath** is delighted with her move to the Lodge at Otter Creek in Middlebury. She has a cottage with two bedrooms, two baths, a living room with an eating area, a sunroom, and an attached garage. She's as busy as she was in Brandon. She leads a Friday morning exercise class, monitors the Lodge library, belongs to a knitting club, is a member of the Life Stories Committee, plays the recorder with a fellow resident on Saturdays, and volunteers at the Sheldon Museum. In addition, she returns to Brandon twice a week to work in the Lister's Office and continues to serve as treasurer of the Brandon Library. ✳ In Martinsville, Va., **Jean Gunther** continues to be busy distributing food at the Food Bank. She doesn't mind the physical work of the pantry, but resents the quantity of government paperwork involved. The Community Flower Garden still interests her and she uses her gardening talents to help with that. She considers herself lucky to have good health, but says she doesn't move as quickly as she used to. ✳ Living in Olympia, Wash., **Valerie Williams Burkig** is recovering from a bad accident. She was out walking when the fog rolled in. She wasn't wearing a reflector jacket and so was doubly cautious. She had to cross a wide street, so waited until she could discern no car in either direction. She was hit by a car without lights, was thrown into the air, and crashed down. Fortunately she was conscious and could tell people who she was and where she lived. She spent two to three weeks in the hospital waiting for a skin graft to cover a big hole in her broken leg. Then she spent three MORE weeks in a nursing facility and rehab. Three months later, she can walk with a cane. She is grateful that they live with their son and daughter-in-law. They took care of her husband, her correspondence, and other necessary chores. ✳ A sad e-mail from **Martha "Pat" Harvey Oehler** informed me that she had received word that **Bobby Van Aken Smith** had died in October. Pat wrote that Bobby had spent two long years in a skilled nursing facility after the death of her husband. ✳ I am also sorry to report that two more members of our class have departed this world. **Catherine Pomeroy Blair** passed away on September 8 and **George Martin** died on November 9. We send our condolences to their families. ✳ **Virginia "Jinny" Stowell James** is looking forward to their 62nd wedding anniversary in June and to our 65th reunion in Middlebury. The highlight of their challenging year was daughter Hillery's visit last November, which included a traditional Thanksgiving meal at Jinny's sister Cindy's home in Guilford. ✳ As for your class correspondent, I tutor two adults and one teenager in Spanish, all twice a week, play mah-jongg Friday mornings, and am a partial caregiver for my 92-year-old sister. Keep thinking Middlebury and reunion June 8–10.

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Correspondent **Elizabeth Bredenberg Ness** reports: Several of you sent Yuletide greetings and bits of news. **Jean Webster Skoien** and husband Bud spent last summer in northern Georgia where the very hot weather we were all experiencing

got to them too. ✳ **Irmgard Nierhaus Stebbins** had son Andy '82 and family arriving from Australia on December 23 for two weeks. ✳ **Joan Sherman Riebow**, who lives in Georgia, traveled to Massachusetts last summer to visit family. ✳ Pres '47 and **Joan Spross Carr** spent their usual six months in Arizona this winter. They don't have a white Christmas but every December 24 their community puts out luminaries. They were looking forward to a visit from their daughter and son-in-law, who was to be their personal chef. ✳ A card came from **Esther "Penny" Henderson Frederick**, who has recovered from two years of physical problems and is still living in her house on Lake George. ✳ Dave '49 and **Perry Maurer Thompson** were vacationing on Cape Cod last summer when they were notified that water was running down the sides of their house in Panton, Vt., and it was unlivable. It took all fall to restore the contents and return to normal life. ✳ Karl '49 and **Juliet Carrington Reed** live in a spacious retirement community near Kennett Square, Pa. Their family in Colorado has drawn them out there recently but they hope to visit Middlebury next year. ✳ **Ruth Wimmer Leggett**, who has always lived in West Hartford, Conn., is active in her church. We send our condolences to her and her family as her husband, Dick, died last June. ✳ **Bob** and **Marya Steele Kellogg** sent word that **Bob Outman** has been in the VA hospital in Baltimore, Md. On his day of discharge, he broke a bone, which delayed his departure. He still hopes to attend choral singing but no more tap dancing. ✳ **Edith Titus Harman** writes that she and Mort '47 are still living in two worlds, even though they are legal residents of Washington State. With a loaded car and a large dog, they return to Cape Cod from May until October in search of sun and old friends. With so many cross-country trips, she has an appreciation for the vastness of the U.S. and distance between rest areas. Besides reconnecting with friends and family on the East Coast, they take trips to Middlebury where they lived for 30 years. She can't believe how the College has expanded. In Seattle, she volunteers for the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, developing an appreciation for the wisdom and courage of those she encounters.

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Correspondent **Rachel Adkins Platt** reports: Thanks to the telephone I do have some news from our fellow classmates. **Dwin Woodman Schuler** e-mailed about contacting **Jane Livsey Flory** to chat and the end result is that I had a chance to talk to both of them. Janie reports that she has COPD, which has slowed her down a bit, but she has two daughters nearby that are very helpful. Then I had a lovely conversation with Dwin and caught up on her life. She tells me that she and her husband have now been married 60 years and still live in the same house that her husband was born in and plan to stay there indefinitely. They have two of their children nearby and the two others are in South Carolina and Pennsylvania. As class agent she has an opportunity to talk to several of our classmates, but has no further news at the moment. We plan to keep in touch so what I don't hear, she will and I can report it in our column. ✳ **Jeanne Hutchinson Johnson** lives only about 20 minutes from me and we hope to get together someday as we haven't seen each other in at least 20 years. She is now retired from a travel agency and she talked about the many wonderful cruises she and her husband took while she was employed there. Her only regret is the one place they never went to was Alaska. Both their children live nearby and it's nice for them to be able to get together so easily. Jeanne said that she and her college roommate (**Genevieve Karmazyn Capozzoli**) got together about 10 years ago in NYC and they had a great time. Since then they have lost contact. If you read this note, Gene, give her a call. She would love to hear from you. ✳ Sad news: **Ruth Ann Scott McDonough** passed away on September 19. Our sincere condolences are sent to her family. ✳ Correspondent **Dixon Hemphill** reports: I called **Rowland Boucher**, who lives in Littleton, Colo., on January 7 and surprised him by catching him on his 86th birthday. He is doing well—he still plays golf and works out at the local gym several times a week. He told me he has children living around the country—a daughter there in Colorado, one in California, and another in Chicago. His son lives in Minnesota. Rowland told me he still consults in his earlier profession—oil and gas exploration and production. After Midd he got his master's in geology at Harvard and while there roomed with **Don Henderson**. Although he doesn't plan to return to Midd for any reunions, he did enjoy his years at the College. ✳ In one of my earlier class notes I wrote about hearing from **Jack Barry**. He sent me a card last spring picturing Grande Ronde Lake near his Oregon home. He wrote, "Greetings from the hills of eastern Oregon. We are finally recovering from seemingly endless snow and fog. Now looking towards spring and maybe sailing on the Columbia River 80 miles away. Lost my classic 1965 wooden sailboat to a faulty seacock while moored. Hope insurance gets me another one. Saw your ad in the Good Old Boat magazine—good luck." It so happens I have a boat listed for sale there that I hope to sell soon because I own two boats and can afford only one!

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We (**Corky** and **Sally**) both got so caught up in other projects that we don't have notes for this issue. We apologize! Please send us your news or call us! And look for classmates' news in the summer issue.

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Bill and **Phyllis Cole Deming** are keeping busy after serving their term as class correspondents. Bill, a charter member of the Charlotte-Shelburne (Vt.) Rotary Club, continues as an active member, providing service to local, regional, and beyond projects. He has had a locksmith career since 1990. He plays golf and goes fishing with Chuck Jennings '53. A hockey buff, he shares tickets to UVM games with grandson Jason. Phyllis is a polls checker when needed, hosts part time at the Charlotte Senior Center, attends monthly meetings of her writing group, and is involved in preserve-or-shred decisions of 60 years of important papers. (Keep that Middlebury memorabilia, Phyl). They have happy memories of seeing **John** and the late **Helen Reid Gilmore** in Greenfield, Mass., and at Alumni College, and especially during the annual trek to Williamstown, Mass., for the Clark Museum exhibits. Two children and families live in the area; another's in Plattsburgh and one's in Florida. "We continue to treasure each member of these two generations who follow us." ✳ **Marshall Figgatt** has relocated permanently to Ridgefield, Conn., to be near eldest son Tom and his wife. He sent a newspaper article about his grandson, 1st Lt. Tom Figgatt, who is the executive officer for Alpha Company, 2nd Tank Battalion, known as "Masters of the Iron Horse," in Afghanistan. These tanks help to save the lives of other Marines. We're sure you're very proud of him, Marshall, and we pray for his safety. Marshall served as a Marine in WWII, before attending Middlebury. ✳ **Joan Macklaier Birkett** sent a newsy letter with a picture of her with her son and daughter. She writes, "A lot of aging for me has been a focus on inner growth rather than 'I did this or that.'" In 2007 she took a course in chronic disease self-management and then led these groups for over two years. She says, "I love to go to Ashram at Kootenay Bay, British Columbia, where the surroundings and temple high above the lake bring fellowship and peace." She has visited the Big Island, Hawaii, with her daughter and was there high in the mountains when the tsunami hit down below. After having several health setbacks and moving through the sudden death of a son, she discovered homeopathy and a doctor who set her back on a health path once again. Several years ago she visited Middlebury and went up to Bread Loaf and recaptured the magic of that area, our College, and old memories of ski coach Joe Jones. "I could almost imagine myself hanging on to the old rope tow." We can still picture you on your skis, Joan. ✳ Our "outstanding alumna," **Betty Nelson**, writes that she is chairman of a market research company and also a nonexecutive director of a digital company called Txt2Buy, which is a cell phone that you can aim at a poster, store promotion, or an ad in a magazine, then click the camera and you have bought the item. Betty's daughter's two eldest children are in medical school and #3 is on the way. Her son's boys are more interested in arts and languages. ✳ **Joan Allen Armour** said in her Christmas letter that they had just returned from a wonderful vacation in Cabo, at the tip of the Mexican Baja. They've lived in Santa Barbara, Calif., for three years now and life is great. They were happy to miss all the storms in the East. They haven't yet met any of the "stars" that live around them, but they invite us ALL to visit! Norm '53, in addition to walking and reading, packs medicines and supplies for the needy around the world through Direct Relief. He's also interested in helping at the Boys and Girls Club and still plays golf. Joan goes to fitness classes and swims and is in a book club. She also reads children's stories in the "Tree House at the Zoo" and helps at the Boys and Girls Club. Happiness has been trips to Oregon and Alaska and having friends come to visit. It was great to see them at reunion during their trip East. ✳ A letter from **Bill Stewart** told that he had suffered a broken hip and eventually had a hip replacement, which occupied most of 2011. We wish you well. Bill's note was on an Arbor Day Foundation card, which he supports. ✳ **Meg Curry Gregg** sent a page of beautiful pictures of their "Life in the Country 2011." Husband Don is writing his memoirs, so we'll be interested to see it when he becomes published. Your peaceful country living must be quite a change from your past life of travel in the military service. ✳ Wally and **Jane Walker Nutting** are now living in a lovely cottage in a retirement community, which happens to be on the road where Jane grew up and a few miles from Wally's home. They've taken two beautiful

ALUMNI STORIES

John Bowker '52 recounts the beginning of the College radio station.

THE "BUG" TO BUILD A RADIO station at the College was planted when I was a senior at Middlebury High School in 1948. I had found a way to broadcast the home basketball games from the press box in the school's gymnasium using a small radio transmitter I had built at home. My audience consisted entirely of the spectators in the stands because the range of my radio station was 200 feet.

The idea of building a radio station for Middlebury College became an obsession and, during the summer months before my freshman year, I learned how to build a more powerful transmitter using parts supplied by Prof. Ben Wissler, chairman of the College physics department. I also learned from Prof. Wissler that the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) limit the distance any radio signal can travel without a license. To maintain a license requires expensive equipment and we felt that it was better to try out the idea of a radio broadcast station for the College before spending a lot of money.

It took less than two weeks once that new transmitter was tested to realize that its signal could be heard as far away as Lake Dunmore, which was illegal for an unlicensed station. So I had to invent a way to cover all the dormitories with much less power.

The class bell system came in handy here. Each dormitory and major building had bells that would ring to warn students of their class times. I discovered the wiring system would carry good quality sound if properly connected. I could then play music from a point on campus where all the wires converged by connecting the wire in each building to one of my transmitters that I had installed in the basement. Each transmitter then only had to cover that one building and that could be done legally.

Once again, the physics department came to the rescue with nearly all the essential pieces and parts and I was fortunate to have a place in the basement of my off-campus home to assemble and test each of the 23 transmitters that we finally used.

The Bowker chicken coop

I was uncomfortable making up call letters for the station that might conflict with some licensed station, so I turned it to our advantage by becoming the only broadcaster in the country using five letters, WMCRS, which stood for "Middlebury College Radio Service." We operated the stations at 750 on the AM dial—the nearest other station on that frequency was in Atlanta.

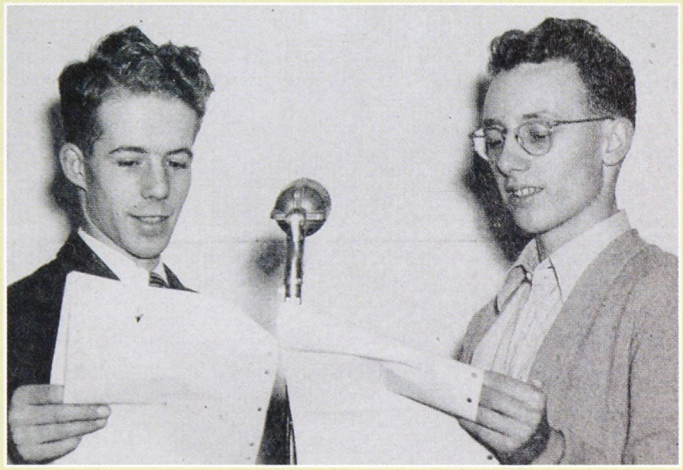
The only thing I didn't have was a good place for the studios. My family home in Middlebury was located at 129 Adirondack View (which is now labeled Bowker House). My parents had become intrigued with my idea and volunteered to let me clean out a small building in the backyard that had been used as a chicken house for about 10 years! I began to clean it out to use as a studio, but soon realized this was a two-man job.

One day walking back from class, I fell into step with another freshman, Larry Draper '52, who was staying in a private home down the hill from Adirondack View. He immediately expressed interest in the idea of starting a radio station. We agreed that I would get the station on the air, and he would schedule the programs after helping clean out the chicken house. Larry scraped the walls and floor for the better part of a week while I built the equipment, and we washed the place out with a garden hose each night. Then we painted. In less than two weeks, we had a rather respectable radio studio with all new equipment!

Recruiting? As soon as the *Campus* newspaper announced the plan to start the station, Larry's problem became one of trying to fit too many applicants into an eight-hour broadcasting day! Overall, the student staff at the start totaled 39 with interests in announcing, engineering, advertising, music, and drama.

The momentous hour arrived at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 1, 1949. By then an upstairs room in the Bowker house had been outfitted with a couple of microphones and a special rear entrance had been constructed. All our regular programs would come from the chicken house, but we had invited college "brass" to take part in that inaugural broadcast and the chicken house just didn't seem right. The opening program lasted just 90 minutes and consisted of an opening benediction followed by a brief welcoming statement by College president Samuel Stratton. The rest of the inaugural broadcast included taped interviews with attendees at the annual Middlebury Culture Conference, which had just concluded, a selection of classical music, and comments about their program plans by each of the main announcers who had volunteered and passed our voice test. Regular programs began the following morning at 6:30 a.m.

School closed three weeks later and the station went off the air for the summer. But two students, Jim Kitchell '51 and Sid Kay '50, had stepped forward to handle the administrative aspects of our growing organization. They worked with the College administration to have the station recognized as a College activity and to get some space on the campus for the studios and equipment. The summer of 1949 was a busy and successful time for them.



John Bowker '52 and Larry Draper '52

Within a year WMCRS was installed in the Student Union Building—a structure later replaced by Proctor Hall. Four basement rooms were set up for a formal studio, another for a control room, and others for news and record storage. Students were most generous in donating phonograph records that provided the mainstay of our programs. By the spring of 1950 the time had come to replace the original music turntables with modern equipment that could play both the regular records on the air, and the new 33 1/3 LP records that seemed to sound better than the 78s that had been exclusively in use (45 rpm would come a year later!). Rich's Department Store downtown gave us two record players with the understanding that we would buy our records from them and would mention their gift on the air.

Our programs expanded to include live basketball and hockey games directly from Pepin Gym by means of some surplus army field wire that was available from the Vermont National Guard. Under cover of darkness, wire was strung along tree limbs at the edge of two cemeteries all the way to the gym. Two connectors were installed on the sides of Route 30 with the realization that the wire would have to regularly be replaced because it was laid on the pavement. (It had to be replaced once during a game when a snowplow interrupted our play-by-play!)

I graduated from Middlebury College in 1952, leaving the station in the very capable hands of Bill Brackett '53 and nearly 100 other students who then were active in its operation. One of the first improvements made by Bill was to change the call letters to a more conventional four-letter call sign, WRMC, after learning that no licensed station was using those call letters. Many improvements followed, including the installation of a real news ticker! Before that we'd have to listen to another radio station and quickly jot down their news reports for our own news programs.

In 1964 one of the most significant events occurred. I received a phone call at my New Jersey home from student Jiffy Starr Johnson '65. She was wondering if the station could "go FM." She'd found a way to finance the required equipment and was asking what might be done technically and legally. I drove to Middlebury the next weekend and took all the photos I needed to apply for an FM station, using space in Gifford Hall for a new antenna and FM transmitter. My employment with RCA included processing all radio license applications for that corporation so with the approval of the President and Fellows of Middlebury College, I prepared an application for a construction permit with the FCC, and in December 1967, they approved the requested 10-watt power rating that would give us good coverage of Middlebury, East Middlebury, and Cornwall. In February 1968, WRMC-FM came on the air with a 24-hour program schedule. A couple of years later the studios were moved to the second floor of Proctor Hall and, at their inception, contained the most complete radio studio facilities in the state of Vermont.

river cruises—one to Germany and one to Russia. They had some health issues that prevented them from coming to reunion, but are doing better now, thankfully. ✷ Lucy and **Van Parker** divide their year between Danville, Vt., and West Hartford, Conn. Van retired from the ministry in 1995 and now he and Lucy enjoy gardening and volunteer work. Van does some writing—poems and also reflections on nature, religion, and politics. "I'm still preaching in another format," he writes. Their three children, spouses, and seven grandchildren gathered at Lake Morey, Vt., last summer to celebrate Lucy's 80th birthday. ✷ In a phone call from **Ellie Hight Morris**, which is always a joy, she told about a luncheon of Midd alumni of various years, in Simsbury, Conn., at the home of Bessie Cromwell Speers '86. Twelve people attended, including **Carol Osborn Moger**. **Mary Sellman McIntosh** was unable to be there as she had been called in to substitute teach. The Morris grandsons, sons of Julie Morris Ogden '86, play hockey and also other sports. ✷ **Don** and Biffy Darling '53 **Sherburne** split their time between Vermont and Florida. Our thanks again to Don for all he did for our 60th reunion, along with the **Demings**. We also thank Don for the wonderful letters he writes on behalf of Middlebury College. He inspires us in a very nice way to be supportive of our wonderful alma mater. ✷ From England **Gretchen Reger Mason** sent this note: "I have a lot of things to be thankful for, good health being one and, I guess, vanity is another. I noticed my ankles were swelling and happened to mention it, was told to jump up and down, and sometime later found myself at Papworth Hospital (where the Duke of Edinburgh has recently been a patient). My surgeon was the honorary professor of surgery at Cambridge. I was in for a week before being released to my daughter's care (with regular visits from a community nurse), followed in due course by two months of weekly rehabilitation exercise sessions. All this free to me on the National Health. I have nothing but praise and gratitude for the system. I have been in England since 1957 and am very happy here. My daughter and her family live down the street from me and my son and his family live in London, about two hours away by train. I was at the 50th reunion at Midd and was interested to see how the campus had changed and I've enjoyed reading about the 60th reunion. *Middlebury Magazine* is excellent and I'm impressed by the accounts of students' initiatives and activities. Sounds very vibrant! I was very sad, though, to read of **Jo Overlock Hoffmire**'s death and **Don Axinn**'s too—he was such an active, interesting person." ✷ We think the activities of our classmates are very impressive and interesting and we enjoy hearing from you. Thanks to all of you who responded, and if you haven't yet, remember we all would like to hear from you. It doesn't have to be front-page news—just your thoughts, memories, and even your problems. Let's keep connected!

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Correspondent **Barbara Cummiskey Villet** reports: I checked in with **Lee McGowan Allison** to find her in fine fettle. As far as I can tell, she is little changed in her enthusiasm for travel, for her very rural home and village, and for her future plans. She says she lives in the woods—an assessment confirmed by friend **Barbara Bieber Zeiller**. The house looks out on a lake and in winter, when it's frozen, she regularly skis or snowshoes across it to the village of Freedom, N.H., for mail and a stop at the small volunteer-run store that sells local crafts and good coffee and goodies. It's a meeting place for neighbors and she regularly volunteers there. Though she still does cross-country skiing, she's finding she likes her snowshoes more—a bit more ease and stability. She's coming to reunion in the spring, but also planning a bike and barge trip with a friend in Holland for 10 days. Ever onward, Lee! ✷ I found **Barbara Zeiller** through Lee to learn of the death of husband John '51 last year. It was, Barbara reported, a long, hard haul but after his death she decided to return to the town where they had lived for 23 years and where her daughters are still at home: Towson, Md. She is trying to make a new life at the Blakehurst Retirement Community in Towson and seems, by her own assessment, to be succeeding. ✷ **Janie Rupp Cooke** was her perennially enthusiastic self on the phone and her news was at first all about her seven grandchildren: the eldest just out of college and living in Boston, three still in college, and three 15-year-olds in high school. Two of these younger ones are hockey players. Janie herself isn't skating—she's been working on trying to ski again. A two-year bout of medical setbacks that started with a bad knee led her to intestinal difficulties and abdominal surgery, both the result of medications for the knee. Last year she had a full-knee replacement and she was determined to be back on skis soon. Her doctors were optimistic. ✷ Lee and Janie will be back for our 60th, Barbara Zeiller probably will not. See you on campus! ✷ I am sorry to report that **Mary Roberts Hardesty** died on November 12. Our sympathy goes to her family. ✷ Correspondent **Bill Huey** reports: From Northfield, Vt., **Fred Larsen** says he is enjoying retirement following his 47-year career as a professor of geology at Norwich Univ. His teaching years also included a variety of geological expeditions, including a major project at the Muir Inlet, Glacier Bay, Alaska, as well as many summers spent mapping surficial deposits in the western states for the U.S. Geological Survey. When I talked to Fred on the phone, he and wife Maureen were preparing for a trip to Birmingham, Ala., to spend Christmas with their two daughters and several grandchildren. Both daughters are in the medical field—Kathy works at the VA Hospital, and Kirsten is an R.N. affiliated with the Univ. of Alabama–Birmingham. A third daughter, Gretchen, lives in Oakland, Calif., where she is employed by a major pharmaceutical company. Son Eric is an oncologist living and practicing in Maine. Fred generally enjoys good health, but experiences some mobility limitations as a consequence of having had childhood polio. This condition in no way limits Fred and Maureen's regular attendance at both men's and women's ice hockey games at Norwich. He admits to a loyalty problem when Norwich faces Middlebury. When asked if he would be attending our 60th class reunion, he said it was unlikely. ✷ I had a nice phone conversation with **Bob Hisey** at his home in Sebring, Fla. On the day I called, however, he and wife Elizabeth were taking the final steps preparing for a move to Sarasota, Fla. Bob expressed a bit of nostalgia about the move from their lakeside residence because that day they had viewed a handsome wood duck on the lake, and they would miss the excellent bird-watching they had enjoyed for many years. Bob retired in 1986, having spent his entire career with Paper and Allied Industries. His work took him all over the world and he lamented that he probably should have taken more languages than German at Middlebury. Bob and his wife share a common interest in stamp collecting. She's a judge in that field, and Bob has completed a three-volume work, *Philately in the Orange Free State*. He added that needless to say it's a handbook, not a novel! His interest in the Orange Free State stems from his former residence in South Africa at the time he entered Middlebury in 1948. Bob indicated that it's possible he might attend our 60th reunion because it would allow a visit to one of his sons, who lives in Vermont. Hope you make it, Bob. ✷ **John Bowker** sent in an update. John and wife Linda have moved from their lakeside home of 20 years in Sun City Center, Fla., to an independent living apartment complex in that same town. This gives them both the time to focus on the fun parts of retirement instead of lawns, roofs, and all the annoyances of home ownership they have loved for 58 years. John was recently honored by the community's dedication of its history center building to him in recognition of his founding of the History Society and Visitor Information Center. His online newsletter is now in its 14th year and reaches some 5,000 of the retirees in that community, and his history book on how Sun City Center has developed was published earlier this year. January 22 was set aside as "John Bowker Day" in Sun City Center, only the fifth such day granted by the Community Assoc. in the 50-year history of the town. In their spare time, he and Linda volunteer night hours to dispatch ambulances for the emergency squad, mentor members of the local Genealogical Society in its new computer research center on Saturdays, and are officers of the New England residents' club in town. ✷ I'm sorry to report the passing of four more classmates and we send condolences to their families. **Dave Hemphill** died on June 24, **David Larned** died on September 21, **Richard Thayer** died on October 17, and **Larry Draper** died on September 18. Larry's sister, Diane Draper Walker '57, sent us word of his passing and added, "I have always read your column because I knew people in Larry's class, meeting them at reunions and such. I was Larry's guest at your 25th reunion that was held in the barn at Bread Loaf. He won the contest for having the strangest pet, a python named Perry, whom he and his son were pet-sitting for over Christmas break." She says, "I don't know if you remember that Larry and Johnny Bowker started the first radio station at Middlebury in the Bowkers' chicken coop." To learn more about the founding of the radio station, see page 55.

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Louise Limbach Spangler of Los Altos, Calif., has sold her shop, Uncommon Threads, to a wonderful gal. Sounds like it was a good thing for both buyer and seller! Lou's husband, an MIT grad, died 18 years ago. Lou has two brothers who also went to Midd, Karl '54 and George '55, and she had lunch with them the day I called. Nice to have them near! Lou has four daughters, one of whom is Midd Class of 1983 so she has the same reunion year as our class. Two daughters live in California, near San Francisco, and two are in Seattle. Periodically Lou goes to Midd and enjoys going to reunions. She traveled with **Ann McGinley Ross** and **Pat Brown McClearn** several years ago. She says hi to everyone

in the Class of '53. ✳ Now living in Southbury, Conn., **Barbara Connor McLaughlin** has retired from politics. She was a selectman in Portsmouth, R.I., where she also served as chairwoman of the zoning board, on the school committee, was active in the Republican Party, and was president on the council. She was also chair of the Rhode Island Port Authority for a number of years. The governor appointed her. She even served as moderator of the Portsmouth Water and Fire District. She likes politics! Since moving to Southbury, she has fully enjoyed serving on two committees. Son Robbie lives in Brewster, Mass., is married, and has a daughter, Sophie (12). Son John lives near L.A. and has son Connor (19) and daughter Taylor (17). Connor enlisted in the Navy and his family is very proud of him. Barb has not been back for a reunion but stays in touch with Barbara Blair '55 and has phone contact with **Marilyn Buist Scott** in North Carolina and **Abby Kreh Gibson** in upstate New York. She hopes all in our class are well. ✳ Living in Santa Barbara, Calif., **Norm** and Joan Allen '51 **Armour** are both enjoying good health. They take a two-mile walk at 6 a.m. to go to Starbucks! They also enjoy tai chi. "Life has treated us well," Joan says, though she adds that they have slowed down. They stay in touch with **Don Beers**, **Irv** and Ellie Hight '51 **Morris**, **Skip** and **Sue Valentine Jennings**, and **Bob** and **Corrine Morgan Smith**. Their sons, John '80 and Tim '82, live in L.A. and a daughter is in Boston with two grandsons in the West. ✳ **Ann Findley Wohl**, of Woodlands, Texas, has been involved in many activities but fell last April and broke her leg. She tired easily and could not drive for four months but now is almost back to normal. She turned 80 in July and sings with a barbershop chorus, which is fun. They are busy with many sing-outs and did lots of Christmas parties. Ann is also active in the Assistance League. She has a young Labrador named Biscuit. Ann's younger son died of colon cancer. Her older son, Charles, and wife Marti have two daughters in college, Amelia or "Mia" and Diana, and happily live within walking distance from Ann. Ann bought her home near them, sight unseen. ✳ **Sarah Pettibone Dabney** and husband Lewis live in Easton, Md., and are enjoying life there. Last spring, Lewis had a Fulbright Scholarship in Rome, which they welcomed. Their son married an Italian lady in June in Laramie, Wyo., and their daughter, in Princeton, N.J., writes for *Kids Sports* magazine. Sarah enjoyed our 50th reunion and stays in touch with **Anne Shafer Edwards** in Falmouth, Mass. She would enjoy hearing of classmates in the Maryland vicinity. ✳ **Alice Bennett Petrie**, who has lived in Oregon since '83, is still skiing and sees **Ceddie Sherrer** and his lovely wife frequently. Alice had back surgery in late November and is improving. She says walking every day is recommended for her now. Alice has two sons, both married, one an attorney and one in the financial world. She has six grands, one in med school and one in New York for a master's in public health at Columbia Univ. Another is in Albert Einstein Medical School and one grandson is at Harvard Law School. Alice visited Ann and Joe Jones, former ski coach at Midd, four years ago but has not gone back to reunion. She was at Midd for two years, married at Christmas in junior year, and finished college at Santa Fe State College in California. She is in touch with Lou '51 and **Irene Widen Imbrogno**. Asked for her advice for classmates she says, "Keep moving!" ✳ **Helen Chase Pyke** lives in Enosburg Falls, Vt. Husband **Taylor Pyke** passed away on December 28 and our sympathy is with her and her family. Their granddaughter is in the Olympic pool for volleyball and baseball and is interested in Midd. Helen has been in touch with **Anne Coleman Zehner**, **Anne Edwards**, and **Sarah Dabney**. ✳ **Richard Wagner** is married to Jo (Eaton) '54 and both are in good health. He and a neighbor, who went to Dartmouth, have cross-country skied together since 1955. Richard returned to Midd a year or so ago to watch their grandson run cross country and see a football game. He is still splitting firewood and skiing and has fond memories of his years at Midd. ✳ **Peter Clarke** is living in South Carolina where he retired 25 years ago. After college, Peter was in the military for four years, then worked for the IRS in Washington, D.C., for 25 years and lived in Arlington, Va. Peter was on the MIT plan, attending Midd three years and then two at MIT. He has never been back to Midd. Peter says South Carolina has good politics, good weather, and good gardening. He and his wife are both well and enjoy golf and tennis. He has three daughters. One of his daughters is living with them, one's in Virginia, and one's in Colorado Springs.

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From **Jim Hunt** comes the following: "It seemed time to say that this classmate has not faded away. Indeed, I keep quite busy since retirement from an office job in 1998 providing low-cost life insurance advice to people around the country who happen to hear of my services. I've been doing this since 1984 when I wrote an MSBasic program to facilitate the analyses I provide. In June 2011, I was honored by the Consumer Federation of America in Washington, D.C., with the Esther Peterson Consumer Service Award for most of a lifetime of consumer advocacy—mostly in the arcane area of consumer credit life and health insurance sold in connection with consumer loans and installment financing, which was badly regulated in many states. (Esther Peterson, among other distinguished positions, served as a Special Assistant for Consumer Affairs to Presidents Johnson and Carter, a position that now seems quaint in the political climate of the 21st century.) And, I will be entering my 12th year as a volunteer in the IRS/AARP Tax-Aide program, which prepares free tax returns for low- and moderate-income taxpayers of all ages. From late January to late April I work more than full time running two Tax-Aide sites in the Concord, N.H., area. I prepare about 200 returns myself and vet another 1,200 returns done by other volunteers. I like to say that this intensive activity in my old age is called 'showing off.' The work is more intellectually challenging than one might think. I am fortunate that wife Cynthia (Holt) '56 remains able to keep the household running on an even-keel while I indulge myself." ✳ **Peter** and **Julie Howard Parker** write, "We love our summers in Vermont but last year we took the worst with the best and hunkered down through Tropical Storm Irene. We were totally isolated five days with a small group of neighbors and no power. Then we came home to California just in time to catch the wild winds and again had no power for four days." ✳ As we all pass or approach the BIG 80, let's make a point to renew an old Middlebury friendship that we have put on the back burner—and to send news to your correspondents. E-mails are quick and easy!

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Correspondent **Sally Dickerman Brew** reports: One of the realities as our class approaches 80th birthdays next year is that we now receive more notices of classmates' deaths and declining health. We were informed that **Jeanne Knapp** died on November 18. Our sympathy goes to her family. ✳ It's not surprising we have a number of classmates who married each other such as **Pete** and **Betsy Nutting Noyes**, **John** and **Kathy Hughes von Hartz**, and **Denny** and **Kathy Stebbins Gamble**, all of whom we have included in this column and the next of class notes. Pete and Betsy retired to Maine 25 years ago and live in a 150-year-old house on the Damariscotta River. From their house they can view the river, and they can walk to their village of 2,000 people. Living in a small village is wonderful because as Betsy says, "People look out for one another." People in their village have retired from all walks of life. Betsy and Pete travel less and their travels have to be "between dogs," as they have never kenneled them. Their children live in Virginia and Georgia. Betsy and Pete own a couple of summer homes where the family does meet in the summer. Betsy does typical small-village volunteer work, such as working for the library or hospice. Pete is very involved in the Damariscotta River Land Trust, which takes up much of his time. Betsy and Pete came to our 50th reunion and Betsy has fond memories of Middlebury, mainly because of the professors and fellow classmates. She said the reason that she and Pete got to know each other and later marry is because their names (Nutting and Noyes), when alphabetically placed, always put them next to each other—another good story from Middlebury experiences! ✳ Although some of us are fortunate to continue to lead full and active lives, for others life has not been so fair. One of our classmates contacted is **Kathy Gamble** who is married to **Denny**. Kathy transferred to Middlebury her junior year from Smith to be with Denny. The two of them grew up together in upstate New York and their grandparents and parents all knew each other. They were married in the summer before their senior year and lived off campus. Kathy and Denny have lived in Rochester, Minn., for most of their married life where Denny worked in the gastroenterology department at the Mayo Clinic. Kathy and Denny have six children, some of whom live near them. In the past she and Denny traveled extensively together, especially on walking trips. Kathy does continue to do some traveling with Country Walkers. Kathy commented in reading our class notes that the picture seems to be of classmates living full, active, and enjoyable lives. Unfortunately Denny has Lewy body dementia, which started developing about 11 years ago. As Kathy said, "Life can throw you curve balls and be damn unfair." Denny was aware when the dementia began that he was declining. Kathy did not mind that we include the information about Denny because other classmates may be going through similar experiences. She recently put him into an assisted living home. Our sympathies go out to both Kathy and Denny in coping with the changes in their lives. ✳ Correspondent **John Baker** reports: First a bit of sad news—**John "Dal" Dalrymple** died on December 20 after a long illness. He and wife Beth were longtime residents of Bedford, N.Y., where Liddy and I lived for 30 years. Not only were we friends all those years, but Dal was our lawyer even after we moved to South Kent, Conn., over five years ago. He was highly respected in the community and will be missed by his many friends and associates. We were both members of

the Bedford Golf and Tennis Club for most of those years. He was reputed to be a wicked competitor on the tennis courts and on the golf course. An obituary will appear in a future issue. Our sympathy to Beth and the family. ✳ From New Jersey **Dave McKissock** writes, "I was so sorry to hear about Dal—he was one of my closest friends at Midd and Diana and I had such a good time catching up with him and his wife at our 50th." Dave and Diana (Parish) '56 are both well and had a busy fall: They celebrated their 55th anniversary in September by going to Beaulieu-sur-Mer on the French Riviera for a week. Then in October they took a cruise from Montreal to Fort Lauderdale going up the St. Lawrence, down to Halifax with stops in between, and on to Boston, NYC, and Charleston, S.C. They go to Barbados in March for a winter break. Dave still enjoys "playing paddle, golf, and tennis with a few days off at Monmouth Park now and then!" Dave and Diana count themselves very fortunate to have two great sons—Dave Jr. and Chris. Dave's wife is Denise, and grandsons Austin, Hunter, and Taylor are all doing well and are great guys. ✳ **Dave Bridges** claimed he had "nothing to tell" me. But that wasn't correct. He and wife Nancy attended the Alumni College at Bread Loaf—he took a course on geology and Nancy one on India. I don't think that qualifies as "nothing to tell"! ✳ **Gordie Brown** had spent time in Florida before the death of wife **Judy** (**Berry**) in 1997. But he missed New England and has been living in New Hampshire since 2005. He and Sylvia Swain, an old friend from Marblehead, became—as he put it—"an item" and have been together for a number of years. They are both enthusiastic golfers. Though he has been retired he and a number of his pals deliver payrolls in Essex and call themselves the "Boney Express." ✳ **John Field** and wife Maeve are still living in Barnstable, Mass. John is much involved with the sailing programs at the Hyannis Yacht Club and, as a certified U.S. Sailing Judge, continues to be active in race management. He has also served as treasurer and commodore of the club. ✳ **Earl Samson** writes, "The Samsons continue their quest for the perfect wine at Sakonnet Vineyards. Retirement—what's that? We welcome visitors anytime in Little Compton, R.I. There's much to see and do." ✳ It was sad to hear that **Denny Gamble** is not doing well. Denny and I shared an apartment in town at the beginning of our junior year before he and Kathy were engaged. My heart goes out to Kathy. ✳ Please stay in touch. E-mail me or give a call (860-927-4262). I always enjoy catching up. Best to all, John.

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As always it is wonderful to hear from many classmates. They continue to surprise and delight. **Ted Schwerdtle** writes, "Thank you for your holiday message celebrating the homecoming of our troops. In that spirit, I hope our leaders can rise above the dreadful climate of acrimony that has paralyzed our democracy. My life is happy. Good health allows for activities I love: biking, camping, working out, gardening, and traveling. Wife Martha is an artist and her passion for art has inspired me to take drawing classes for several years. Mostly I draw things from nature: flowers, driftwood, and birds, using watercolor and colored pencil. Of course, I have to tell a bit about my grandchildren. The oldest, Sara Miller, was adopted from Kazakhstan when she was 12 and now, five years later, is applying to Middlebury. My three daughters live in California and Idaho with their families, which gives us wonderful destinations for our travels. ✳ **Judy Phinney Stearns** shares this about her trip to England over the holidays. "After a Christmas week in Beeley Village near Chatsworth in Derbyshire, England, I was absolutely taken with the atmosphere of the lovely countryside. There we were in a small village with 178 residents, the village church and graveyard, community hall, school, pub, a couple of little farms, a babbling brook, and five ducks who hung out together and waddled up and down the lanes saying hello. It was such a simple unsophisticated charming way of life." After her return Judy was in Vermont where she had a lovely New Year's Eve. Judy's big news is that her oldest granddaughter will be entering Middlebury in the fall. Fourth generation! She's a super softball pitcher and Judy and family will catch many of her games. ✳ **John Webber** says, "I had just finished up my 10-year stint as a member of the Vermont Medical Practice Board when they asked me if I would be a member of the State Chiropractic Board. I wanted to say no, but when they said it met at 1:30 p.m. in Montpelier that made it easier so I agreed." ✳ **Ron Potier** reports, "I thought our 55th reunion was awesome. We moved in January to a villa in a nearby retirement community—passing the snow blower and lawn mower on to the next generation." ✳ **Peg Straus Patierno** sent this: "We're still involved with our Haitian mission in Port-au-Prince and traveled there in November. Met with the scholarship children our Westbrook parish is supporting and was so happy they are getting a good education in spite of all that Haiti has suffered. I've enjoyed time with **Charlotte Duryea Hohl**, **Sally Gerhart Mitchel**, and **Judy Stearns**. Thank God for old friends." ✳ From **Ron Lawson** we heard this: "I was in Vermont at my family home in Montpelier for the first time in over 30 years for Christmas. New Year's I was in Quebec with Canadian friends in the Eastern Townships. I'm looking forward, like many of you, to what might be one of our final high school reunions—our 60th, for Montpelier High School. We expect a good crowd to show up, and I'm sure it will be fun. It's scheduled for July 7." ✳ **Jane Hallenback Zecher** sent us this: "Nothing much has changed. I'm still happily married to Pete '55. I spend much of the winter in Vero Beach, Fla., where we have a house. Summers, I spend in Nantucket and I see **Mona Meyers Wheatley** occasionally. Pete is still working and loving it. We do travel a lot—we were off to the Dominican Republic in January and Argentina in February. Golf is our passion and I'm still playing paddle tennis in New Jersey when I am home. Two of our children, Todd and Darren '79, work for our company and live near by. Heidi '93 is a documentary producer. She married a Midd guy Monte Burke '94, who writes for *Forbes*, and lives in Brooklyn Heights. Dana '81 is married to a Brit and lives in London. Hope to get to Midd this spring, and would love to play the Middlebury golf course." ✳ On a sad note, we regret to inform you of the passing on October 25 of **George Tasse**, former husband of **Marita "Mo" Mower Tasse**. In the next magazine we will include a proper tribute, but wanted to let you know as soon as we knew. ✳ We heard from Rob Higgins '81, a family friend of the daughter of **Carrol Anderson Rogers**. On behalf of the family he writes, "Carrol passed away peacefully on January 17. At Middlebury she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and a political science major who graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Soon after graduation in 1956, Carrol married soulmate Howard Rogers '53, with whom she recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They settled in Orinda, Calif., where they raised a family and lived together for over 41 years. In addition to her successful 20-year real estate career, Carrol enjoyed traveling the world, hiking, skiing, tennis, gardening, her dogs, and the company of her many good friends." ✳ **Dave Troast** sounds very happy writing this: "I'm living in Bath County in the beautiful Allegheny Highlands of western Virginia—population 5,000, no traffic lights, and 70 percent National Forest. It looks for all the world like the Green Mountains. Wife Jeanne (Rutgers-Douglass '87 at age 42 and a triathlete) and I are farming a couple of hundred acres—horses, hay, dogs, cats, coyotes, bears, rattlers, etc. I am vice chair and chair-to-be of our local 25-bed hospital, mentoring local high school kids, skiing, golfing, biking, and rowing (indoor) trying to stay fit. Life is great!" ✳ Wright and **Meme Parsons Salisbury** are living in Paris for 10 months. They had visited France eight or nine times and wanted to be there for a longer period. So they were able to swap their house for an apartment in central Paris. She says it'll be hard to come back! ✳ Until the next time, with our best wishes for good health and good work, Judy and Dick.

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It's coming up soon—our 55th reunion. We trust you have June 8–10 on your calendar and have committed to returning for a wonderful Vermont weekend. Pack your anorak, your Wellies, and your sunscreen. Who knows what the weather will bring! What we do know is that it will be a special time for renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. ✳ Checking in from Reno is **Tom Burns**, who describes himself as a professional gambler and ski guide at North Star Ski area. Since his Snow Bowl days, Tom has gone on to steeper slopes in Alaska, South America, and Lake Tahoe. Here's a challenge to skiers and Sig Eps: Put the arm on Tom to come east for reunion. ✳ Bob and **Gerry Raymond Custer** continue to enjoy life in Oregon, where they thrive on musical events and a weekly French group in Corvallis, and theater trips to Ashland. Gerry's family reunion at Sun River was a highlight of 2011. ✳ **Murray** and **Julie French Campbell** stay active in Bristol, N.H., where Mur staved off winter with his new snow thrower and Julie substitutes in the high school writing center. ✳ Charles '56 and **Heather Hamilton Robinson** committed major time last fall to helping friends in their lake community near Ludlow, Vt., to recover from the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene. In Middlebury Heather plays bridge and audits a course in Ancient Chinese philosophy at the College. ✳ **Merrill Mack**'s recent trip included three days in the rain forests of Costa Rica, then a hopscotch down the Pacific Coast to go through the Panama Canal. ✳ **Marty Johnson Moore** traveled with Road Scholar to Croatia, Montenegro, and Herzegovina, learning about the history, culture, and ethnic complexity of the area as she appreciated the beautiful scenery. She also traveled with a friend to Hawaii. ✳ Roy and **Prilly Noble Grundy** had a bad news/good news year in 2011. A house fire had them living in a condo for several months while their home was restored. In June they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party hosted by

their sons for family and friends. ✳ After surviving the challenges of downsizing, Ron '56 and **Kathy Platt Potier** are ready to welcome guests to their new home in a Lancaster retirement community. ✳ We were sad to learn of the death of **Elaine Ladd Purpel** on November 26.

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We recently received the sad news of **Richard English**'s passing on December 4. At Middlebury he was a member of Alpha Sigma Psi. We are bidding farewell to too many of our friends and classmates these days but such news triggers fond memories. Not all news is sad. We want to hear from all of our classmates who are still enjoying family, travels, new adventures, and new accomplishments. With the illness and loss of longtime class correspondent **Joe Mohbat**, and new deadlines for class notes, we are regrouping. Our class agents (classmates who remind us to contribute to the Annual Fund) have been asked to help gather news from their contacts. One way or another we hope to hear from everyone! ✳ Last fall Mona and **Dick Johnson** went on a Smithsonian African Safari to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Zambia. Dick says they traversed three game preserves, rode an elephant, cruised the Zambezi River, and saw African wildlife "as we'd only imagined it could be." He enthusiastically adds it was "a life experience!" ✳ **Linda Durfee Dean** reports she and Sheldon '57 have moved to a retirement community near Philadelphia. In the category of a new adventure "Durf" volunteered to be a host on the community's own television program, *Thru the Lens*. She says it's very interesting and great fun. She interviewed a resident who told a fantastic story about attending the circus by himself when he was nine years old, another resident who lived in India for several years, her granddaughter who was an employee of the community, the founder of the Chemical Heritage Foundation (not a resident), and many others. Her latest adventure is launching her own show, *Point of View*, for which she interviews folks with opinions on controversial issues. Not to be outdone by Dick, she also reports she and Shel went to Egypt last fall and rode camels. ✳ **Bill Barenborg**, recovering from an unfortunate and serious automobile accident, does report the good news that his entire family was with him this past Christmas, including some coming from as far as Singapore. Although the house was in turmoil, everyone had a great time. ✳ To see a photo of **Peter Bonner** at a Patriots game, go to page 67.

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Joel Boland reports that he and wife Kati spent Christmas in Seattle with his children, feasting on oysters and Dungeness crab, which he claims is "better than turkey." ✳ **Sukey Tallman Walter** writes, "Last summer William '53 and I took our entire family for nine days to a villa in Tuscany. It was an early celebration of William's 80th birthday. Since two of my kids, Bill '84 and Beth '92, and their spouses are also Middlebury grads you could call it a Middlebury excursion. We outnumbered Stanford, which had two graduates, and Williams, which had two more. It was a great trip with 10 adults and seven kids, ranging in age from one to 17." ✳ **Bob Luce** and wife Bea celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their two sons and their families, one from Johannesburg, South Africa, and the other from Philadelphia. They planned an extensive trip down the East Coast, eventually getting to Fort Myers, Fla. ✳ **Anne Walker Hayes** was "heading back to Santa Cruz for three months of sun and fun. Had all 12 grandchildren to Stratton for the Christmas holiday along with five sets of parents. The cousins loved being together with the oldest of the 12 being 13. Quite a crew! Lots of fun." ✳ **Fred Swan** continues his vigorous hiking journeys, this time four days on the Presidential Range in New Hampshire, finishing just before Tropical Storm Irene demolished parts of the East Coast. He and wife Pat are planning their 50th wedding anniversary with a return to their honeymoon stomping grounds in Paris. ✳ **Mary Charles Hubbard Blakebrough** writes, "I studied Spanish for a year preparatory to visiting a friend in Barcelona—wonderful food, flamenco, and architecture. Fell in love with *pan con toma*, Spanish tomato bread. (E-mail me at mcbreakthrough@mindspring.com for the recipe I created once back in the U.S.) In August I helped organize a dinner meeting of the Association for Psychological Type International chapter leaders from across the U.S. attending the biennial conference in San Francisco. We had a time of visions, memories, and fun that was the best in my memory of about 10 conferences devoted to Jungian Type/Myers-Briggs." In October Charlie received the volunteer recognition award at the annual Durham, N.C., Employment Security Commission awards banquet: for two years she has volunteered one or two days a week reviewing and creating resumes for those searching for work. She continues processology studies (using questions and processes to make remarkable personal, professional, and organizational changes). She adds, "My career coaching practice is cranking up a notch with the addition of the CoachVille World Power Method program. In order to 'play a bigger game' (that goal that you are wanting to achieve) assess the nine environments in your life (including relationships, physical, financial, spiritual, technical) for 12 weeks (one hour per week); also ZAP tolerations (those 'going to do later' things), design experiments, and explore new territories as a way of evolving your environments so that you create an environment that leads to your bigger game. Basic premise: the environment always wins so create an environment for your playing the bigger game." ✳ **Bick Bicknell** supports acoustic folk music in Punta Gorda, Fla. Between efforts to keep 300 folk musicians and listeners apprised of upcoming events, he kayaks or fishes three days a week. Rumor has it that some of the songs may not be politically correct. ✳ **Ellie Bliss** reports, "After 22 years living very happily in Middlebury, I sold my condo there in September and 42 days later in October, a moving van was unloading my stuff at Wake Robin, an elegant continuing care retirement community, up the road in Shelburne. A word to the wise: start downsizing now! I'm gradually meeting other Midd alums and expect to see all of them at an evening event here soon, which will feature the team of Midd students who built the solar house that was judged at the Solar Decathlon last summer in Washington, D.C." ✳ **Earle** and **Betty Layer Hoyt** are planning their usual trip to the Tetons and Yellowstone in June, "after which we hope to get back to Silver Salmon Creek Lodge, Lake Clark National Park in Alaska, for another week of brown bear photography. Seventeen-year-old twin grandchildren are busy visiting colleges. We're so lucky to have the family right here in Flagstaff, Ariz., at least for another year." ✳ **Millicent Fairhurst** writes, "I am now completely retired and plan to spend more time playing music, going to the theater, and generally enjoying myself. I have seen **Anne (Goebel) Barkman** a few times this year and am in touch with **Andy Montgomery**, **Ginny (Schlosser) Vaules**, **Anne (Martin) Hartmann**, and **Sally (Sprague) Carr**. I spend holidays with **Prilly**'s family (the late **Priscilla Ferguson Stauffer**) and miss her a lot. **Eleanor (Vinke) Sweeney** came to NYC on a hot day last summer and we did a movie and supper. That's about it. I am healthy and pain free and still have my cat Victoria, who is 20 years old." ✳ **Bill Hussey** sent the sad news that **Pete Watson**, his roommate senior year, passed away on January 9 after a long bout with cancer. Bill was in touch with four Phi Kappa Tau brothers to let them know but none of them had news to add to our notes. ✳ We offer condolences to **Nancy Frame Sveden**, whose husband Ron died of lung disease on September 29, and to **Frank Heffron**, whose wife Margery died of cancer on December 9. Our winter 2011 column featured Ron's pea-in-lung episode, a widely reported media event. You may have met Margery at one or more of our reunions.

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Art Myles's garden included 36 dahlias that grew so tall wife Penny had to stand on a stepladder to deadhead them. The photo of her and the eight-foot-tall dahlias was included in the Swan Island (Oregon) dahlia catalog. Art sent it in and won more dahlia tubers as a prize. They now have 12 grandchildren. Their garden grows. ✳ Dave and **Helen Smith Folweiler-Chipman** enjoyed a nine-day cruise with the yacht club around Massachusetts Bay. The highlight was a tour to, and up in, the Boston Lighthouse, perched on a little island at the entrance to Boston Harbor. Helen wrote that the 75-plus, open, small, pie-slice steps were a challenge, up and down, but the view from the top was worth it. ✳ Middlebury keeps asking **Pieter Schiller** to help out with the entrepreneur class during J-term. Betty goes to class too. Last year he had six freshmen and three seniors, a great group of students. Living in North Chatham, Mass., Pieter is active with the Marconi Center, which landed a major grant from Verizon to underwrite staffing its educational initiative in the public schools. He said, "It's just thrilling to see an all-volunteer start-up nonprofit make such steady progress and raise funds needed to support that growth." ✳ James and **Louisa Potts Salmon** now have five grandsons. Time will tell whether they have a basketball team or vocal quintet. The newest addition, born last November, has good lungs. ✳ **Lindy Hill Reed** had her second hip replacement. Last February she recuperated on a trip to the Big Island of Hawaii and wrote, "I wasn't walking real well at that point, but with the sunsets and flowers and beaches, whales and sun, plus good company, it was a great trip." Lindy is finally able to do some hiking. On a trip east in July she spent two days with **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** doing museums, beach walking, and lots of visiting. ✳ **Vcevy Strekalovsky** reports that Tuscany was spectacular. He and Janey (Cram) '61 shared in a villa in Cortona with his sister and brother-in-law. He comments, "Wonderful food, hill towns for sketching, walking, and people-

watching, trains that run smoothly and on time, good land use. You'd never know they had any problems at all!" ✳ We have greetings to the class from Linda and **Bill French**, **Mike Emptage**, Lee and **Joe Bujold**, **Breck** and **Sue Hibbert Lardner**, **Deb Wetmore**, Don and **Nancy Mulvey**, Mary and **John Emory**, **Anne Schaefer Camp**, and Amy and **Mike Robinson**. A note on **Loey Boon Hill**'s card sums it all up: "I'm happy for the gift of friendship and best wishes for the wonders in the new year." ✳ We are sorry to report the deaths of two classmates. We learned that **Jane Goodspeed** passed away December 2, 2010. She was an Am lit major, a four-year member of Women's Forum, was a Sophomore Guide, held offices on our Class Council, and worked on Junior Weekend and the Religion Conference. An obituary appeared for her in the winter magazine. **Mary "Ginger" Kinghorn Work** died October 25. She was a math major and a member of Alpha Xi Delta. **Helen Folweiler-Chipman** remembers that Ginger, **Barbara Call Myers**, and she were the only women math majors in our class. ✳ Thanks to everyone. Your Christmas cards and letters are much appreciated. Some of the news will appear in the next class column.

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Dan and **Susan Andrews Sokoloski** are still raving about the great time they had at our 50th last June. Dan writes, "It was like turning back the clock and reliving the whole college experience. Our continued best wishes to everyone in our class, and good luck to classes that follow, hoping that they too can have such a marvelous experience." Dan and Susan capped 2011 with a three-week trip to Jordan and Egypt. While the trip had all the elements of the "ultimate bucket list trip" with many stops along the way, it also offered them the opportunity to experience history in the making. Dan says they visited Tahrir Square and a "few days later stopped at a voting area to visit briefly with Egyptians as they voted for the first time. Their enthusiasm was obvious, and they appreciated that we stopped by to witness the event. As we tried to understand what was happening and what it all meant, the easiest conclusion was that they have embarked on a challenging endeavor. They refer to Mubarak as 'their last Pharaoh.'" At the time of Dan and Susan's trip, the Egyptian military was still in a dominant position. With the election of a Parliament-style body still in the future at that time, people were hopeful that this would provide new direction. The protests occupied only a small portion at one end of Tahrir Square. Dan and Susan found the rest of the country to be quiet with touring a special treat because the crowds were greatly reduced. Dan concluded it was "a great time to visit Egypt for an enriching exposure to the history and the people." The Sokoloskis would love to have visitors and extend an open invitation to visit them in North Carolina where they live near the mouth of the famous Cape Fear River. If that's not enough, they have four golf courses, 18 tennis courts, four pools, a beach, and a marina to lure you. ✳ **Ralph Stone** is now retired from the Federal Trade Commission in San Francisco where he served as an attorney. He and his wife enjoy traveling and took a trip to Central Europe where they visited Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Vienna, Bratislava, and Prague. Ralph writes that he is a "volunteer at a domestic violence clinic helping battered women obtain restraining orders against their batterers. I also assist people with their consumer problems on a consumer hotline at ABC-TV Channel 7 in San Francisco and online with Consumer Action." Ralph also writes weekly articles for four different websites. ✳ It sounds as if Vermont winter weather has caught up with **Holly McKenzie** and husband Bob Martin. They spent the winter in Arizona where Holly recovered from double-knee replacement surgery. Holly and Bob enjoyed Christmas Day 2011 dinner at the Waybury Inn in East Middlebury with **Bob** and **Linda Place Kasvinsky**, Marcia and **Al Jeffery**, and Pete '60 and Jean Emrich Battelle '60. ✳ **Judy Starbuck Hannemann** was selected by the Community Services Agency in Mountain View, Calif., as the 2011 Hometown Hero. Included here are excerpts from the presentation speech given at the time of the award. "Judy's lifetime focus has been and still is children and education. She has been active in local school activities since 1977, including two terms as PTA president, and she's been involved in numerous community activities, including the League of Women Voters, the Community Health Abuse Council Board, and the YWCA Board. In 1981 she was elected to the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District board and has been re-elected every four years since and has been elected board president nine times. Other school board activities have included serving on the executive board of the Santa Clara County School Boards Assoc. and director on the State Board of California School Boards Assoc. She has also participated on and led a number of statewide education committees." In addition to her school board activities, Judy remains active in many community organizations including the Mountain View Rotary, the Los Altos Community Foundation Board of Directors, and the JustREAD Partners For A New Generation. Congratulations, Judy, for this wonderful honor. ✳ In January your class correspondent had the honor of attending the annual Posse Chicago Awards Ceremony along with Charles "Chuck" Gately '62 and other Chicago alumni. Posse Foundation identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential who may be overlooked by the traditional college selection processes. Posse extends to these students the opportunity to pursue personal and academic excellence by placing them in supportive, multicultural teams at Posse-partner colleges. Middlebury College selected 12 students for its first Posse from Chicago. (Middlebury has accepted students from the NYC Posse program for many years.) The Posse Scholars receive intense academic enrichment between February and their matriculation. I'm volunteering as a group writing coach for the Middlebury Posse this spring and finding it very rewarding. ✳ As always, I welcome your news and other items for the class notes as well as for our e-newsletter. Don't forget we can include photos in the e-mailed newsletter. People are interested in what you're doing! I also would like to thank **Brad Mintener** for his past services as co-correspondent and hope that he will continue to be a contributor to class notes.

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REUNION CLASS

A goodly number of you rallied forth and heeded the call to send in updated biographies for inclusion in our 50th reunion yearbook and we hope ALL of you will be able to attend so we can catch up with you there. Some classmates, however, for one reason and another, won't be able to join us. **Jim Warburton** has lived in southern Spain for years and hasn't been back to the U.S. in over six. He has a move pending, with his countless dogs and cats, because the owners of his rental house have decided they want it back and this is going to cause a lot of disruption—so at the time of this writing, it looks like he can't attend. ✳ **Bill Dalsimer**, who has been running about the world to Turkey and Greece, and basically commuting between New York and San Miguel de Allende in Mexico, may not make it either. Those of you who know him well, encourage him to come back! ✳ **Bonnie Bonnaviat**, another of our expats, who's been living and teaching French in Yorkshire, England, for years and years, wrote the following: "In July, I went to my marvelous GP due to a lingering muscle pull from my three times a week exercise session downtown. He noticed something a bit unusual on one of the routine annual blood tests taken a few months before at the local hospital and followed up immediately with another blood test and CT scan just to be on the safe side. The scan revealed a totally unexpected carcinoma on the liver. He referred me immediately to the superb Bexley Cancer Wing of St. James Hospital in Leeds, the largest teaching hospital in Europe, and in doing so saved my life. At the age of 71 I was years past the usual age for consideration for a liver transplant but was given a chance at a comprehensive three-day hospital assessment for same. I passed all the tests with flying colors. (Apparently my biological age turned out to be at least a decade younger than my chronological one and my attitudinal age even younger—euphemism for immaturity?) Even more amazingly, 12 days after having been added to the waiting list at Bexley I miraculously received a perfect liver match during an eight-hour, textbook-perfect transplant operation. I'm delighted to report that I survived the operation, which apparently drew a bumper crop of medical experts from various fields (probably had bets on how long the old Yankee dear would last!). My Bexley 'celebrity' status—totally unbeknownst to me until I was clued in by one of the surgeons the day before my release time—continued to grow when I was thrown out of ICU as unnecessary after one day instead of the usual two to three, then released from hospital after 10 more days rather than the usual two to three weeks. Since then, with the help and moral support of Bexley and of tremendous local and far-flung friends, my more-rapid-than-normal recuperative powers continue to awe the medical crowd at Bexley. I think I was the only one there who never doubted that I'd survive the operation and the initial post-op recovery period, both of which are more daunting than I'd ever imagined, to say the least. I have several more months to go before the challenging first year of recovery is done and dusted, and then watch out world, here I come—again!" Bonnie, of course, won't be able to join us at reunion due to the travel restrictions to prevent infection but says she'll be with us in spirit and hopes to attend the 55th.

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Writing for a spring deadline in early January with snow flying and frigid temperatures is very weird. However, contacts with classmates are warming. Enthusiasm for our 50th builds. See our Class of 1963 Facebook page: http://middlebury.edu/facebook. Click on

Class Groups on the left then on 1963. Our stories are similar but have diverse common threads: health issues, retirements, grandchildren, newfound hobbies, and an appreciation for the time in history we have enjoyed. ✳ **Bruce Bailey** is into his 42nd year at the Lakeside School in Seattle and also provides college-counseling services for public school students. He stays in touch with **Larry Ring** and Dave Holmes '64. ✳ **Peter Cady** retired from law practice two years ago. He lives in Pittsford, Vt., but often travels to Bozeman, Mont., to visit offspring. ✳ Retired from IBM, **Jane Corcoran** volunteers in her Greenwich, Conn., church consignment shop providing outreach services. She and **Sue Hahn Svendsen** and husbands recently journeyed to Peru. ✳ **John Iacovino** and wife have retired to Wallace, N.C., where they enjoy small-town life, good health, and visits with three daughters and a son who lives in Korea. ✳ **Arnie Levinson** lives in Northampton, Mass. He sold his orthodontic practice and now, like many of us, is working to gain computer literacy. ✳ **Lou McGraw** volunteers, helping to maintain the Pinnacle Peak trail outside Scottsdale, Ariz., enjoys his grandchildren, and stays in touch with **Larry Ring**. ✳ **Mary Robson**, retired from the horticulture faculty at the Univ. of Washington in Seattle, maintains contact with **Ann Wadsworth Martin** and **Mary "Koko" Hart Harris**. ✳ **Judy Bogert Funderburk** volunteers, providing elder care and transport for folks in Arlington, Va. She's a certified Master Gardener—skills she uses to maintain the local library garden. She and her husband enjoy ecotour hiking. Recent journeys have taken them to Italy, the Czech Republic, and Rocky Mountain National Park. They were particularly enthralled by the achievements of the Middlebury students at the Solar Decathlon in Washington, D.C. ✳ Living in Ocean, N.J., **John Connors** reports that he, too, is a certified Master Gardener—he provides advice to local gardeners and helps maintain a garden yielding produce for food banks. ✳ **Deborah Peterson Tintle** is also into gardening. She's the president of the New Jersey Water Color Society but has branched out into digital photography as well. ✳ **Anne Halligan Turner** is no longer a chemistry lecturer at Howard Univ., but volunteers in a soup kitchen and enjoys her two daughters and five grandchildren. ✳ **Meg Holmes Robbins**, **Lyn Wilkins Green**, **Joanne Fay Gibson**, **Peter Frame**, and **Bill Potter** ran into one another at the Boston Public Library Christmas party. ✳ Another 1963 mini-reunion took place, this time in Harpswell, Maine, on October 22. Two of our reunion chairs, **Betty Ann Cooper Kane** and **Meg Robbins** hosted a lobster feast at Betty Ann and **Noel Kane**'s seaside retreat. Classmates who attended included **Dave Arnold** and wife Andra Crawford, Sybil and **Charles Buell**, John '61 and **Koko Harris**, Norma and **John Simpson**, and **Chris White**. They were blessed with fine Maine waterfront weather and exchanged fine Middlebury memories to the degree that Chris was so distracted that he left his headlights on and Noel and Brooks Robbins had to give him a jump-start, yielding fond memories of his 1953 gray Plymouth that would never start when Middlebury temperatures fell below minus five degrees. Hopefully this gathering will initiate further events between now and June 2013. Check out a photo of the event taken by Chris on page 64. Around the table, left to right: Dave Arnold, Koko Harris, Charles Buell, Sybil Buell, Noel Kane, Brooks Robbins, John Harris, Andra Crawford, Meg Robbins, John Simpson, and Norma Simpson. Let's pool our energies and make this happen country-wide. Keep us informed of such doings. ✳ Final reminders: Mark and reserve June 6–9, 2013, for the 50th reunion; search for memorabilia to bring to reunion; volunteer to assist in planning and then come to Alumni Leadership Conference September 28–30; reach out and talk with a classmate. Help organize an informal gathering. ✳ All are encouraged to get involved. Feel free to contact the reunion co-chairs: **Betty Ann Kane** (bettyannkane@sprintmail.com), **Meg Robbins** (mthrob@comcast.net), **Chuck Burdick** (cburdick@shoreham.net), or **Sabin Streeter** (ss1179@columbia.edu). Or you can contact us, Chris and Jan.

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Correspondent **Pam Nottage Mueller** reports: As I mentioned in the winter issue, Bill '65 and I were able to get together with two other Midd couples last fall in Greenfield, Mass.—Steve '62 and **Jane Bowditch Holtz** and **Marv** and Carol Haas '65 **Kelley**. Once we sat down at the lunch table it was as though the 40-plus years since graduation had simply disappeared, and we talked nonstop through the afternoon and into the early evening. Alas, that was the day of the Halloween blizzard in New England and driving back to New Hampshire proved to be too much of a challenge, even for us hardy New Hampshirites. Bill and I finally bedded down at a motel (without heat or electricity) for the night and decided that we would plan our next get-together in the summer. ✳ We had a delightful time hosting **Sam Gordon** and his new wife, Marylou, for a December week in Maui. We didn't have much down time as we toured, dined, and relaxed on the beach for our wonderful visit with them. ✳ Other news was gleaned from Christmas messages. (Isn't it lucky that we practice this tradition to keep in touch with faraway friends?) **Alex Connelly Huebner** writes that she has relocated to the epicenter of Harvard Square and delights in her retirement community. (I've visited her there and it's a perfect location!) ✳ **Wibs McLain** shares all the moves she and her relatives (uncle, mother, daughter, son, etc.) undertook in 2011. Her husband adds, "Many years ago Wibs bought a couple of overalls for us with the moniker 'Mom's Movers' stitched on the breast pocket. We didn't wear them this year but if we had they'd be in tatters. Moving—to transition physically from one place to another—was our 2011 theme." Wibs also marvels at the strange weather—winter snows, floods, tornadoes, tropical storms, and the October blizzard—which battered New England last year. ✳ The **Holtzes** and Will '65 and **Lynne Webster Nalchajian** sent their annual holiday photo cards featuring their grandchildren. (I can remember when the stars of the cards were the parents of these young charmers.) ✳ **Edie Sprenger Ching** sent an update: "I'm now teaching part time for the Univ. of Maryland, a children's literature survey class for graduate students who hope to be librarians. It's lots of fun. And I also do author escorting—in a two-week period last November I spent time with Bill Bryson, Michael Ondaatje, and Umberto Eco. All really nice, warm, and wonderful people. It's a fun life." ✳ I had news from **Pat Livingston Herban**, known in adult life as Tricia: "We have just spent 15 wonderful years in Annapolis, Md., in retirement—although for the first seven years we were using our centrally located historic house as a bed and breakfast. As I write this, we are preparing to put our wonderful home on the market and move back to Columbus, Ohio, where we spent 25 years and where our son, his wife, and our granddaughter live. We are renovating a craftsman bungalow built in 1920 so we can live on one floor and entertain in comfort there. Although that is exciting, we will be leaving here with mixed emotions—happy to be moving closer to a family that loves and wants us and sad to be leaving the East Coast and wonderful friends. Since college, I married an art history professor whom I met when we were both in graduate school at Penn. After I got a PhD in English, I spent my working life primarily as a professional fund-raiser in Columbus, where Mat taught at Ohio State. We bought a retirement home in Annapolis on a whim, and one of my happiest days was the day I stopped working as a fund-raiser and began a new career as an innkeeper. That was a great experience. Since then I have enjoyed volunteering for the Annapolis historical society and our local professional theater company. We love to travel and have spent many wonderful vacations all over the world. In fact, next month, we leave for a month in India, Ceylon, and Goa. That's a bare bones outline of my life. I have been delighted to reconnect with **Joan Smith** and look forward to her occasional visits to Maryland to visit her daughter and grandchildren. We now have good friends who live in Ripton, so we get back to Middlebury in the summer to visit them. All the best to everyone—we can be reached at triciah11@verizon.net." ✳ Correspondent **Bob Baskin** reports: **Bob Bier** writes, "After graduation from Middlebury I joined the Coast Guard and served on a buoy tender in Sitka, Alaska, and then on an ocean station vessel out of Norfolk, Va. After the Coast Guard, I married Susan Rowland and got my master's in library science from the Univ. of Maryland. With my geology major, I was thinking of being a science librarian, but the U.S. Geological Survey came looking for an assistant map librarian, so I jumped at the chance. Nearly 40 years later, in February 2011, I retired from the USGS library. For most of the 1970s I worked at the USGS headquarters in Reston, Va. For 10 years in the 1980s, I was in charge of the library's Denver branch. In 1990, Susan and I moved back to Reston and I supervised various operations in the library. In retirement we are enjoying a slower pace of life. We are looking forward to visiting our children and grandchildren in Atlanta and San Diego." ✳ I recently had the opportunity to talk with **Steve Brown**, whom I had seen at our 45th and plan to see again at the upcoming 50th. Steve is enjoying life moving back and forth between Fayetteville, where he worked for many years, and Asheville, N.C., where he and wife Linda (Buehl) '65 spend time with their son, who is an internist there. They also have a daughter living in San Francisco with her two children. Before retiring in 2008, Steve was a civilian employee with the Army, working as an intelligence analyst. His specialty was Haiti, which remains a strong interest still. When you see him at reunion, ask him about the history of Haiti and the impact it had on our Civil War. Though living in Fayetteville, home of Ft. Bragg, it was evident that Asheville is where his heart is. He speaks fondly of the great opportunities there for continuing education, golf courses, and even a wine club. As he put it, "It's not just for retirees." Of particular interest is a College for Seniors Program at which he is not only a student but where he has actually taught. This past holiday season Steve and his family went to Yosemite National Park. He and Linda also enjoy time in Maui, as well as Durham, N.C., where as a

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season-ticket holder he follows Coach K and Duke basketball.

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Correspondent **Polly Moore Walters** reports: Forty years later **Grant Matheke** is still in Fairbanks, Alaska, working at the Univ. of Alaska as a research horticulturist. Despite the short growing season, Grant is happily busy doing everything from menial labor (landscape design and construction) to research, specifically ways to improve microclimate hardy vegetables and herbs, propagation of native and exotic plants, and anything else that pops up and is interesting. He enjoys holiday visits with his daughters and grandson, remodeling his home, chartering sailboats, and the wildness of Alaska that makes up for its long periods of cold and darkness. Someday he and wife Libby may retire to Yarmouth, Maine, where she has a family home, but right now dirt farming and the call of the wild are still singing a nice tune for Grant. I remember how we got our hands dirty over our (Matheke & Moore, which shows how unimaginative the seating chart was!) skinned cats in Comparative Anatomy class, so I am not surprised he is still messing about with his hands in the mud. I do my gardening on a smaller scale. Grant also writes, "I have been enjoying connecting with some of my classmates on Facebook. It's a great opportunity for a shy guy to get to know the really interesting people he never dreamed of talking to, back in the day." I have to echo this sentiment. One of my favorite threads recently involved several of us chiming in about Latin, of all things! And I'm impressed and delighted with how much I appreciate the wit and wisdom of our Middlebury classmates. ✳ Correspondent **"T" Tall** reports: There is not much to report to you so I thought I'd take this opportunity to share some thoughts about things past and yet to come. It's hard to believe that 50 years ago most of us joined the Middlebury family. During our Bread Loaf hike that first week, **Sue Mervine Clear** and I wound up well ahead of the rest of you and had a delightful conversation with another hiker whom we later learned was none other than Robert Frost. And who can forget **Larry Dick** trying to mobilize us into a coherent singing group so the Blue Key wouldn't wake us at 5 a.m. to practice? I could go on but won't, except to say that in three short years (2015) we'll have our opportunity to return to campus. I hope you will give some serious thought about what you can do to help the class with that celebration. Meanwhile, we would love to have you share some of your more poignant/hilarious/heartfelt memories as we gear up for our 50th reunion. ✳ As most of you know, Vermont suffered mightily during Tropical Storm Irene last August. Thousands of Vermonters lost their homes. Over 500 miles of roads and their bridges were washed away. Only in late December was the main route to Boston reopened. Most of the Champlain Valley was spared. However, a Middlebury restaurant located on the banks of Otter Creek was in danger of being flooded. What saved the day was the varsity football team that had returned early to campus. They filled sandbags and placed them around the restaurant's foundation to shield it from the Otter's rising waters. Their efforts were only one example of the hundreds of hours donated by many returning Middlebury students who traveled past the Snow Bowl to Route 100 throughout the fall to assist Vermonters with their recovery. It made this alumnus very proud to see so many future alumni reach out to people they never had known before. So many lives were forever enriched by the experience. ✳ Still serving as the mayor of Oneonta, N.Y., **Dick Miller** was recently made an honorary trustee of Hobart and William Smith Colleges. He has served as a trustee there since 2001. ✳ Congratulations to **Jim Murdoch** who recently was named the 2012 Family Law Lawyer by *Best Lawyers,* one of the most respected peer-review publications in the legal profession. Jim, a resident of Charlotte, practices law as a senior partner in Burlington, Vt.

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We have sad news with which to start our class notes. Classmate **Roger Buchika** died on December 18. His full obituary will be published in a future issue of the *Middlebury Magazine*. It's a special request of Roger's wife, Jane, that any memorial tributes be made to the Roger Buchika Alpine Skiing Fund in support of the Middlebury College alpine and Nordic ski teams. Contributions may be mailed to Middlebury College, 5 Court Street, Middlebury, VT 05753. All of us remember Roger's amazing grace on and off the slopes. Those of us who attended the June 2011 reunion remember **Glenn Govertsen**'s moving words about Roger's illness and the depth of the friendship they shared. ✳ **Donna Hunt** also died in December. A German major at Middlebury, her obituary describes her as "a perennial student" who loved fine art, classical Baroque music, good books, and cats. She was a member of Mensa. ✳ Finally, we received this news from **Judy Loetterle McAleer**'s son Art McAleer '90. Judy died last November after a brave bout with cancer. She was living in her hometown of Tyler, Texas. Art kindly included her obituary from the local newspaper, from which we've adapted the following: Judith graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, Tyler Junior College, and Middlebury College. A lady-in-waiting for the 1963 Tyler Rose Festival, she also in her youth raised and showed championship quarter horses. After college, she married **A. Gordon McAleer Jr.** and lived in Albany and in Newburgh, N.Y., before returning to Tyler. She was a lifelong booster for the Nebraska Cornhuskers' football team, her father's alma mater. She will be remembered for her warm smile, gracious hospitality, and quick wit. ✳ We welcome other remembrances of Roger, Donna, and Judy from those who knew them well at Middlebury and after. ✳ **Janet Kehl** wrote us in early November that she and husband Damian had retired from teaching in Manhattan in June of 2010 and had moved permanently to their summer and vacation refuge in Maine. "Retirement has been wonderful. I miss the kids but not the correcting and reports and recommendations. Here we finally have time to follow Voltaire's advice to '*cultiver notre jardin*,' along with stacking wood and shoveling snow in the winter." Bowdoin is around the corner from Janet's place and is a great resource for lectures and concerts and auditing classes. She had just finished a class on Faust, whom she remembers reading with possibly Dr. Littlefield at Midd. "It's a whole different work at this age!" she remarks. ✳ "I was very sorry to miss the last reunion," writes **Pam Williams Hettrick**. "I had just returned from visiting my son in Peru the week before, so it would have been way too much to get back on a plane to leave again." Pam attended our 40th reunion with **Sharon Weston Sutherland**, who lives in Montana. "It was awesome renewing friendships there!" she remarked. "That is amazing that they still use the Battell dorm rooms (cells!!)—what great memories we have of those days. Incredible!" ✳ Bryant and **Martha Estle Eaton** are still enjoying life on Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, where they are involved in several local groups—lighthouse preservation, Rotary, choir, an art gallery, quilt guild, and the farmers' market. "We keep saying we're going to cut back, but it hasn't happened yet. Visits with **Edla Holm Brabham**, **Martha Faulkner Fenno**, **Lucy Emmerich Leitzell**, and **Betty Brennen Danley** happen from time to time to our great pleasure." Last October, the Eatons led a tour to China—"first time we'd been back in a few years, and the changes took our breath away." Martha reports having had a long chat by phone with **Carol Swanson Wright**, who has also visited China in the past few years. ✳ **Judy Engle Hishikawa** retired from teaching in June last year. She writes, "It's a blessing not to have to get up at 5:30 and drive east into the sunrise." In the spring, along with family and friends, she organized a disaster relief event for Japan. "We sent the donations to UNICEF Japan and got a wonderful letter back with a DVD. It will take a long time for Japan to recover." ✳ Please visit our Class of 1966 "group page," available from www.facebook.com/middleburycollege. We have photos from both our earlier reunions and our 45th. Feel free to post some more! Thanks again to those who have shared a few lines about their lives in the last year or so. We're always glad to hear from you!

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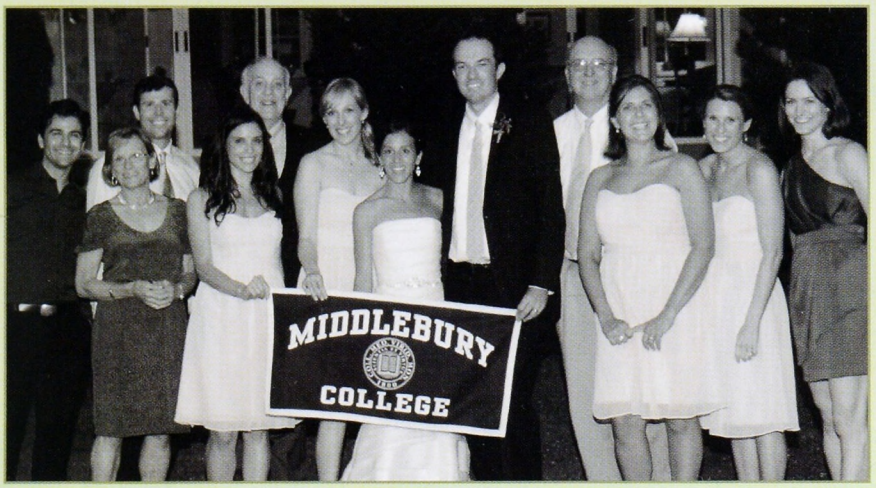
REUNION CLASS

Lynn Fox Stuart writes, "Some minor health challenges and lots of interesting work are keeping me busy. **Peter** always says I'm in a growth industry—as long as schools are failing, the calls keep coming. I've been immersed in a lot of work in Boston, Springfield, and other Massachusetts schools and also lots of interesting work in NYC schools, all with serious challenges. We do get away a bit to our home in Provincetown for beach time and the zany P'town culture, skiing in Vermont a couple of times a year, and good times with friends in Charleston, S.C. Our garden is bountiful and we're enjoying the harvest. Our daughter and son-in-law are nearby, too; that has meant a lot as I've also been much focused on health needs, mostly of my mother and extended family." ✳ **Bill Powers** writes that he married Thu Thi Chau of Da Nang, Vietnam, in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., on September 16, 2011. "I have known Thu for over 10 years. We have previously traveled around South East Asia, Bhutan, Kenya, Sweden, and the U.S. She had come to the United States on Sept 7 with her 19-year-old daughter Ai Xuan Chau Nguyen on a fiancé visa. Now we are petitioning to change their status to permanent resident aliens. An instant family of three." Bill did not think he would make it to reunion as his daughter Amy is getting married that weekend. ✳ **Charlie Mead** sent this sad news: "My wife, Barbara Drummond Mead, died on August 23, 2011. I was blessed to have had 18 years with her." We send our condolences to Charlie. ✳ **Huck Fairman** sent a copy of the September 2011 issue of



At Middlebury in Mead Chapel, Liz Moore '03 married Devin Coyle on June 18, 2011, with a reception at the Waybury Inn following. Many Midd friends and family joined the couple: (all '03 unless noted) Simon Isaacs, Susan Lebel Young '71, Vanessa Holcomb, Lindsay Gardner Hine, the newlyweds, Jessica Lockwood Hyde, Alisa Young Andrews, Natalie Howley Quillian, (second row) Craig Hine '02, John Kirby '68, and Millyn Moore '71.

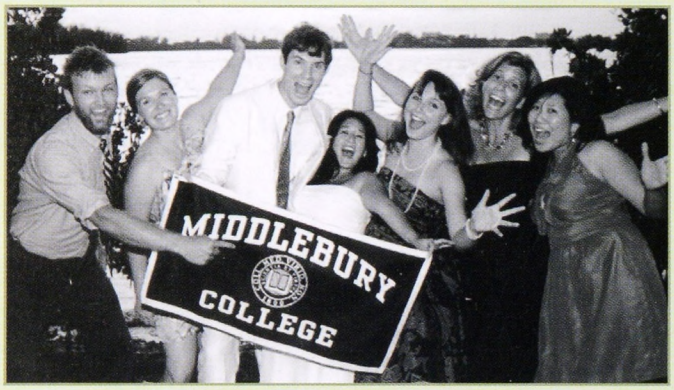
Elizabeth Yancy '80 married Captain Christopher Sharik at the Windsor Chapel in Vero Beach, Fla., on May 14, 2011. Susan Bender McAdams '79 was best woman and soprano.

Patrick McCormick '84 and Mark Ray '84 bicycled with friends from the Canadian border down the western side of Vermont to the Massachusetts border: Patrick, Victor Nuovo (son of Professor Emeritus Victor Nuovo), Tim Pudvar, Mark, and Steve Gronlund.

Steven Gardos '02 married Andrea Berberian (Williams '05) on September 25, 2010, at the Ocean House in Watch Hill, R.I. Friends who celebrated with the couple included (all '02 unless noted) Mike Luke, Eray Donmez, the newlyweds, Greg Berberian '03, and Justin Cambria.

Friends from the Class of 1985 had a mini-reunion in Maine that included a hike: John Owen, Andy Gluck, Mimi Harding Owen, Don Hall, Kim Davis Gluck, and Samantha Gluck '14.

April Peet '06 and Eric Vos '05 were married on July 10, 2010, at Mead Chapel in Middlebury with a reception following in South Burlington, Vt. Many Middlebury friends joined them for the celebration: Daniel Watson-Jones '06, Nicole Maddox '06, Magdalena Widjaja '07 with Kirana, Meg McFadden Smith '06, Tyler Smith, Meredith Kimble, David Kaufmann '03, (second row) Rene Marshall Haile, Andrew Haile '07, Susan Carpenter Vigne '83, Laura Barrett '06, Laurie Macaulay Jordan '79, Brittany Burnett Mosser '09, Jon Mosser '06, the newlyweds, Devon Parish '05, Laura Seidel '06, Alethea Gross '09, Maria Dickinson '07, Tammy Iffland (dining services), Donnie Stuart '08, Suzanne Czerniak '06, Mike Unger '03, Karina Arrue Philip '07, Lizzy Zane '06, Sandy Carbolova Unger '03 with Leah, Steve Bertolino '00, Jane Kimble (institutional research), Renee Balog Makaroun '05, Kathy Jewett (chemistry/biochemistry), Merissa Kraham Velez '06, Kevin Velez '06, Jeff Rehbach (director, community chorus), Jodi Litchfield (ADA coordinator), Pascal Losambe '07, (third row) Andrew May '05, Tim Bahls '06, Ben Wiechman '07, Gus Jordan (health and counseling services), Steve Abbott (math), Muchadei Zvoma '07, Matt Dickerson (computer science), Paul Monod (history), Jan Albers, Cindy Peet (LIS), Sasha Hayes-Rusnov '06, Rick Iffland (dining services), Matt Kimble (psychology), and Derek Walker '06.

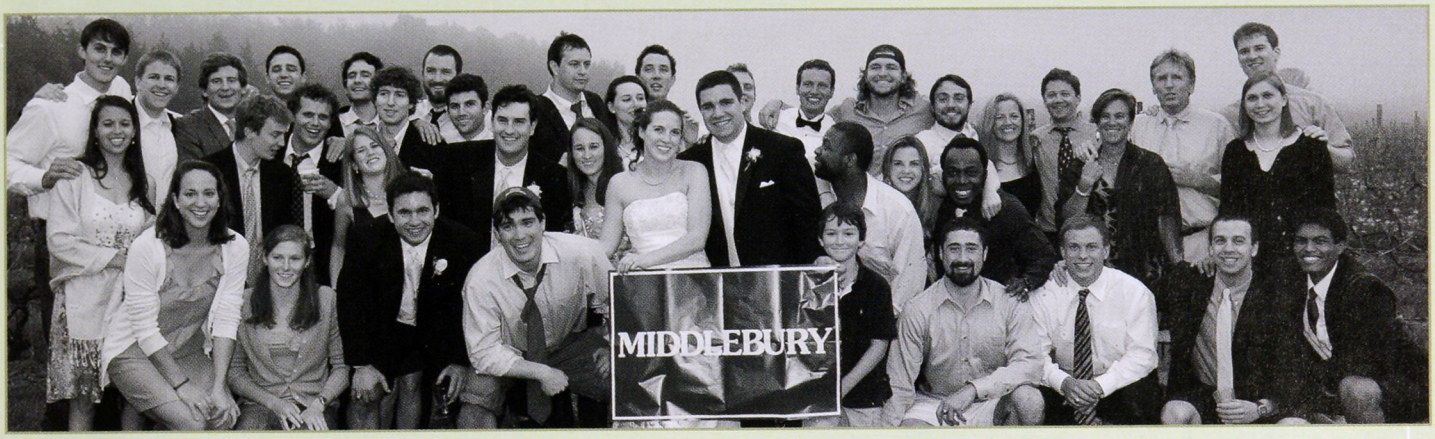


On July 31, 2010, Steve Jones '09 and Liz Pogust '09 were married at the Field Club in Sarasota, Fla. They were joined by Midd Kids Dan Kane '09, Brittany McAdams '09, the newlyweds, Cate Hylas '09, Stacey Pogust Danziger '81, and Diana Chiu '09.

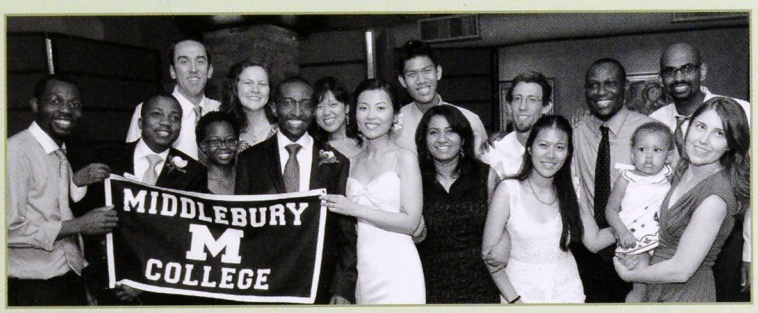
In Newport, R.I., Amanda Pullins '04 and Nate Fend were married on December 4, 2010, with many merry-making friends in attendance: (all '04 unless noted) the newlyweds, Catherine Pullins Miles '00, (second row) Damien Chaviano, Michaela Dietz, Kat Herring, Martha Goebel, Maggie Smith Chaviano, (third row) Katy Hall Shurin, Meghan Keenan, Molly Callahan, Alex Burr, (fourth row) Caitlin Toombs '05, Libby Meyers, Andrew Giordano, Megan McElroy, and John Donnelly.

On April 9, 2011, Aly McNichol '01 and Brian Cunningham (Tufts '02) were married at the Univ. of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Philadelphia. Guests included (all '01 unless noted) Amy Shanks Rogers, Lydie Hudson Bowes, Anthony Bowes '00, Christine Branson Faucett, Scott Faucett, Bryn Kenny, Dan Meyer '99, Courtney Quish Meyer, and Rachel Arnot Rockwell.

Classmates from the Class of 1963 met at the home of Noel '63 and Betty Ann Cooper Kane '63 in Maine for a lobster feast. See the 1963 column for the names of the guests around the table.



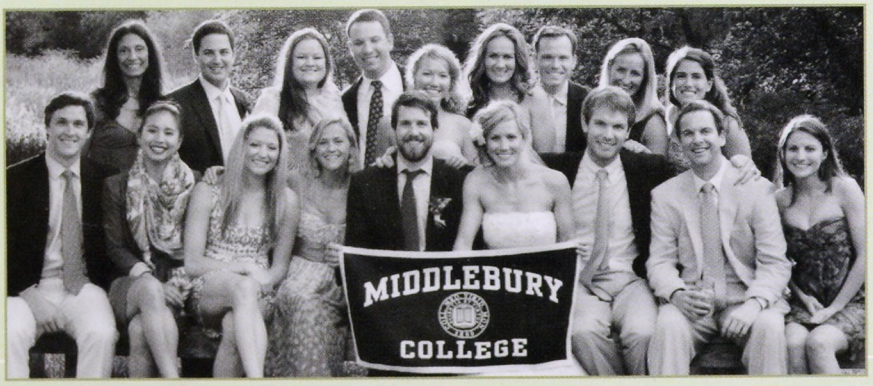
At the Snow Farm Vineyard in South Hero, Vt., Chris Mutty '09 and Peg Thomas were married on May 28, 2011. Many good-humored friends celebrated with the couple: (all '09 unless noted) Catherine Suppan, Chelsea Ward-Waller '12, Brett Woelber, Dan Chow, the newlyweds, Zach Evans, Max Levine, Chris Vandergrift '11, Scott Gratton, Alan Lim, (second row) Mary Roberts, Charlie Fry '10, Eric Harvey, Hannah Lowe '10, Haik Kavookjian, Nick Fager '08, Ben Kunofsky, Lizz Herron-Sweet, Catherine Hylas, Jason Jude '08, Sophie Thompson, Muchadei Zvoma '07, Phyl Phillips (wife of rugby coach), Kelsey Nykiel-Bub '08, (third row) Dan Rosmarin, Mike West, Jason Sanford '10, Mark Whelan '10, Doug Shultz '10, Jared Bean, Rich Saunders, Bill Souser, Brian Sirkia '12, Ari Silverman, Alex White, Sam Harrison '11, Marcia Wells, MA Spanish '00, Ben Wells, MA Spanish '00, John Phillips (head rugby coach), and Luke Yoquinto '08. Missing from photo: Ed Cahill, Whitney Hendrickson, and Sam Tormey.



Felix Muchomba '05 and Esther Ryu were married on May 28, 2011, in NYC. They were delighted to have friends join the celebration: Anywhere Sikochi '05, David Tswamuno '06, Nondumiso Qwabe '08, the newlyweds, Sumaya Huque '06, Kwanyok Vorasatmatee '05, Lynn Gray-Meltzer '07 (with Satriah Sikochi), (second row) Eric Vos '05, April Peet Vos '06, JeeYeon Park '08, Julio Chong '08, Colin Meltzer '05, Paul Opare-Addo '04, and Yared Gurmu '04.

Matt Saxton '99 married Sara McClellan on April 19, 2011, on Grand Cayman. Alums from the Class of 1999 in attendance included Scott Dudley, John Couch, the newlyweds, and Matt Bak.

On a stopover in London, Tom '67 and Susie Davis Patterson '67 visited Bing Taylor '67 at his Garrick Club, a gentlemen's club for actors since 1831 in the West End.



Lizzie Hoeschler '05 and Greg Horvitz were married on June 11, 2011, in a ceremony officiated by Brad Corr '02. Midd friends reunited in La Crosse, Wis., to celebrate the nuptials: (all '05 unless noted) Andy Bohlin, Karen Lee, Tessa Truex, Laura Shaw, the newlyweds, Peter Phillips, John Rusten, Andrea Schwartz, (second row) Marion Malgieri Stotzer, MA Spanish '72, Brad Corr '02, Lauren Smith, Derek Shields, Abby Hoeschler '10, Katie Hoeschler '04, Kellan Florio, Lacee Patterson '06, and Lizzie Horvitz '10.

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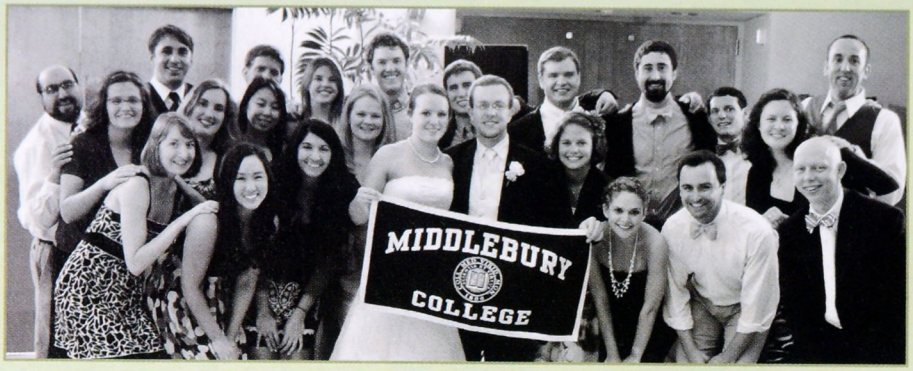
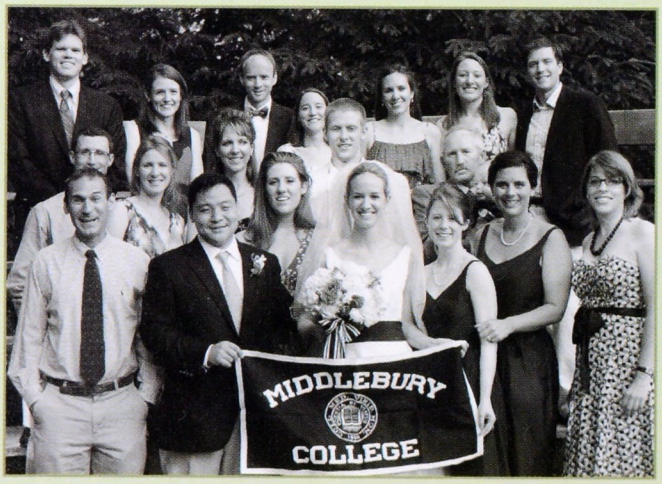


Jonathan Mosser '06 and Brittany Burnett '09 were married June 18, 2011, in Mobile, Ala., with the ceremony at Spring Hill Baptist Church and the reception at the Mobile Museum of Art. Midd alums celebrating with the couple included Devon Parish '05, Kelly Bennion '10, Alethea Gross '09, the newlyweds, Katie Sparkes '09, Eva Nixon '09, Donnie Stuart '08, Tripp Burwell '09, (second row) Steve Bertolino '00, Maria Dickinson '07, Laura Seidel '06, Melina Ward '09, Eloise Goelet '09, April Peet Vos '06, (third row) David Kaufmann '03, Ben Wiechman '07, Sophie Thompson '09, James Riddleberger '09, Will Hackett '09, Brendan Kelly '09, Max Levine '09, Rainey Johnson '09, and Eric Vos '05.

U.S. Army 1st Lt. Chris Harnisch '06 and Alexandra Widas '08 are working to combat corruption in Afghanistan and are based out of headquarters in Kabul.

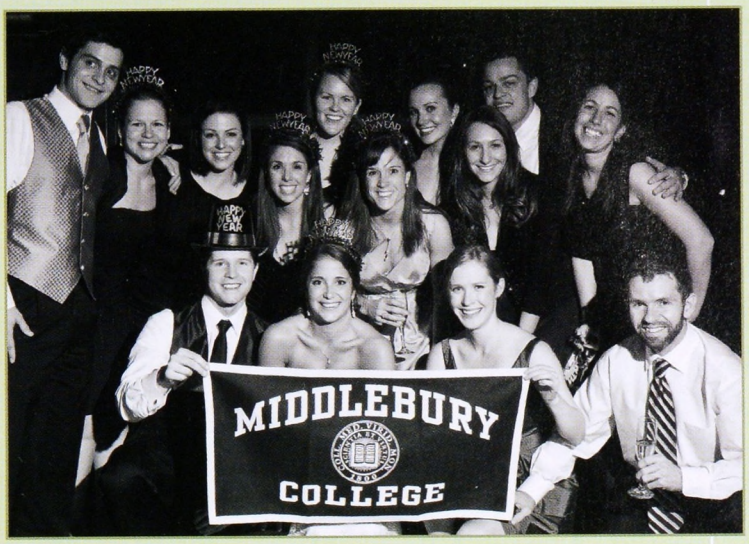
Last September several Middlebury alums had a chance meeting in Haiti with Mercy Corps: Andrea Koppel '85, Phil Oldham '90, Elizabeth Toder '90, and Nick Lesher '02.

On May 15, 2011, Lindsay Horner '07 married Ryan Tomberg '07 in Newport, R.I. Middlebury friends who joined the couple for the celebration included (all '07 unless noted) Mike Ratpojanakul '06, Caryn LoCastro, Mike Gleason, Edward Len, Kelly Blynn, Maura Casey, the newlyweds, Andrew Haile, Kent Cabatingan, (second row) Francis Yuen, Amit Tantri, Jake Navarro, Alex Crumb, Henry Roth, Jennifer Foth '08, Cheryl McClurg Hendrickson '08, and Josh Hendrickson.



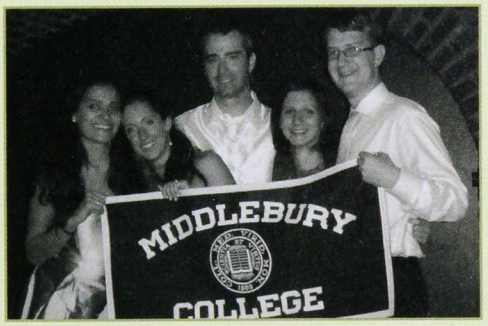
On June 18, 2011, Tabby Connor '05 and Michael Gillim '04 were married at Pocono Lake Preserve in Pennsylvania. Friends and family who celebrated with the couple included Dave Schwarz (former men's tennis coach), the newlyweds, Allison Kennedy '07, Jenny Prendergast '05, Isabel Janelli '05, (second row) Chris Sullivan '00, Annah Heitkamp Sullivan '00, Caroline Connor Martone '83, Cailin Ross '12, Connor Ross '14, Stan Pratt (Kenyon Arena staff), (third row) Alex Meditz '05, Susan Reagan '04, Russ McCracken '04, Margery Glover '04, Kaitlin Strovink '04, Caroline Jacobson Honorowski '04, and Mark Honorowski '04. Missing from photo: Lauren Bowe Hover '04.

While watching a Patriots game last fall, a group in one of the boxes found that they were all Middlebury alumni and took a photo: Peter Bonner '58, Ellen Sheffield Pace '87, Jennifer Sudduth Walsh '87, Paul Bottino '87, Nancy Caulfield '88, Joe Ganley '87, Monique Speidell Bonner '92, and Matt Bonner '91.



Susan Miranowski '07 and Michael McGirr (Richmond '03) celebrated New Year's Eve 2010 with their marriage in Minneapolis, Minn. Friends who joined the party included (all '07 unless noted) the newlyweds, Heather Gallagher, Jeff Smith '06, (second row) David Miranowski '09, Elisabeth Falaleev Miranowski '99, Brittany Burke '08, Katelyn Cannella '08, Kathryn Hurd '06, Julia Fraser, Rebecca Browngoehl Feinberg, (third row) Ellen Sargent, Emily Bierman, and Dan Feinberg.

Several D-8 alums met in Colorado last fall to climb Mt. Bierstadt: Don Mackenzie '85, Mike Campbell '89, Nick Siewert '87, Don Hindman '87, and Clifton Romig '87.



Laura Wedel '08 and Justin Butler celebrated their wedding on June 24, 2011, in Dusseldorf, Germany, in the company of fellow 2008 Midd grads: Carolina Caeiro, the newlyweds, Monica Balan, and Ed Donaldson.

On June 25, 2011, Tucker Swan '74 married Diana McNamara at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Sherborn, Mass. Several friends were on hand with their significant others: Jeff Medoff '74, Debi Silber, Mark Patinkin '74, Olivia Lanna, the newlyweds, Mike Schlegel '74, Cynthia Schlegel, Heidi Flemer Hesselein '74, and Dan Flanagan '74.

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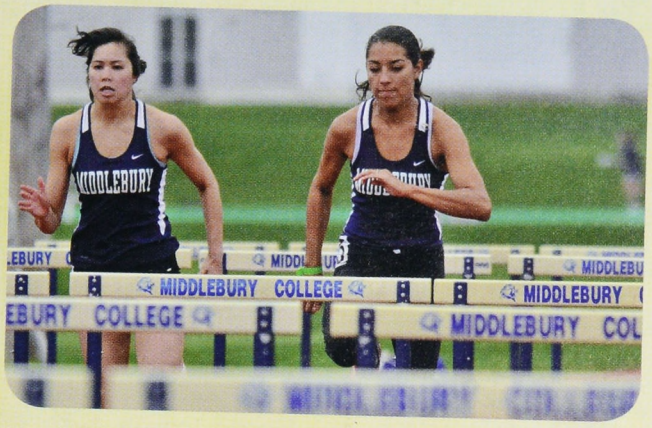

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Packet Magazine from the Princeton, N.J., area. It had an article about Huck and his book, *Noah's Children: One Man's Response to the Environmental Crises.* Huck continues to emphasize the urgency of the climate change situation, as writer and environmentalist Bill McKibben so often stresses in his actions and words. ✳ To see a photo of a 1967 mini-reunion, see page 65. ✳ See you all in June!

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Barbara Ensminger Stoebenau wonders if there is anyone in the class who is more of a communicator than she and who would enjoy the job of class correspondent and is just waiting to be asked. Please let us know! And please send us your news!

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Jeff Brown has retired from his Unitarian church in Mississauga, Ontario, but is still the Univ. of Toronto UU chaplain. He and wife Kate will use their freer time to redo and stay at their new house on Lake Dunmore, not so far from their grandchildren in Huntington, Vt. Jeff's son, Eliot, has just moved a seacoast home from New Hampshire to their property in Huntington. Jeff followed suit in a smaller scale by moving his grandparents' chicken house from New Hampshire to Eliot's place. Kate is focusing on sport and performance psychology, teleconsulting, writing a book, and blogging for *Psychology Today*. Last spring they traveled in Romania, with Jeff walking partway home (at least 1,000 km for a month along the Camino de Santiago in Spain). ✳ **Dave Brautigam** writes of his longtime connection with Huntington, Vt.: "Approaching 65, I'm reminded too often that I took my retirement years when I was running Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Center as a for-profit business. After 32 years, I remain passionately involved with it as president of the recently reorganized 501(c)(3) Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Area (www.camelshumpskiers.org), ironically more successful now than ever. Teaching at a local high school feeds my habit. I'm in the 15th year of a serendipitous and wonderful relationship with Missy Bongartz Ross '79 and living in Hinesburg, Vt. I finally wrote the last tuition check recently as between us we have three kids graduating from college this spring, happily all falling on different weekends! My kids: August (26) graduates from the Univ. of Nevada–Reno and Noah (22) from Midd after an eye-opening fall semester in Nepal. Both competed on their respective Nordic ski teams. Missy's son, Sam, graduates from Dartmouth. We had a fun DTO mini-reunion a couple of winters ago with **Bill** and Abi Procter '71 **Sessions,** Nancy and **Burt Knapp, John Tidd**, and Nancy and **Stefan Nagel**, all of whom enjoyed a great weekend of x-c skiing at Camel's Hump (**Cal Werner** sent regrets) and at Trapp's. Great exercise and companionship! On a more regular basis, Alison and **Peter Reynolds** and I enjoy crossing paths as parent groupies chasing our aging kids on the Nordic competition scene and getting together at their new lakeside home. Most recent highlight was riding the 50-mile leg of the Kelly Brush '08 Century Ride in honor of Mary and **Charlie Brush**'s daughter. It was a great inspiration and we look forward to an encore next year. ✳ **Tom Harrington** writes from his home in Germany that "this year saw the wedding of my daughter, a scrape with death, a four-week vacation in Florida, my son fulfilling his dream of becoming a Lufthansa pilot, publishing my fifth novel, and becoming a grandfather." With the exception of writing one novel a year, he plans on none of that happening next year as he and Ute travel to Vietnam and Australia. ✳ **Dijit Tripp Taylor** sent in this news: "**Connie Coffin Carter** was honored as the recipient of the 26th Annual Maryann Hardman Award from the Univ. of Maine back in the fall. The award is given to distinguished Maine women who make extraordinary contributions to arts, politics, business, education, and community service. Connie was selected for her accomplishments as the founder and director of Operation Breaking Stereotypes, which brings together students from Maine, NYC, and Boston, radically altering the students' perceptions of other races and cultures. A documentary film about Connie's program, *Welcome to My World*, is being shown at film festivals across the country. The nomination (accurately) described Connie as 'one of the most contributive, energetic, and dedicated women in our community.' I had the fun of surprising Connie by going to Orono for the awards ceremony." ✳ **Cal Werner** had his assistant e-mail us the following: "I was recently in Hawaii for a reunion with my wife's clan. We spent time on the Big Island, which included several visits with **Putty Clark**, president of Clark Realty Corp., the largest independent realty company on the Hawaiian Islands. Putty's base of operation is on the Big Island with offices in Kona, Hilo, and Waimea. Putty is also a major benefactor for Hawaiian Preparatory Academy. He reminds us that the median temperature in January, February, and March is a balmy 76 degrees in Kona."

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Harry Zinn writes, "Effective December 31, I retired from Penn State Univ., where I spent 14 years studying and teaching about human interaction with wildlife, parks and protected areas, and the environment. Lynn (Francis) '71 and I sold our Pennsylvania house and returned to Colorado. What had been our second home in Steamboat Springs is now our only home. We are delighted to be in the same time zone as our children, David (31) and Katie (28). Lynn continues to work as an educational consultant, and I am in the early stages of adjusting to voluntary unemployment. Eventually, I suspect I will return (part time) to working with natural resource management agencies, writing, and teaching." ✳ **Al Perry** reports, "I will be retiring after 40 years of federal service—two during the Vietnam era in the Army Medical Service Corps, then 38 in VA medical center leadership positions across eight U.S. cities, the Philippines and at federal medical stations during Hurricanes Katrina, Ike, and Gustav. I was named VA Mentor/Coach of the Year in 2011, my passion the last decade. I'm looking forward to splitting time between executive coaching/consulting and serious bucket list check-offs. Speaking of which, I'm just back from a trek to Everest base camp and Kala Patthar Peak (18,000 feet) for some incredible photos of THE mountain. I enjoyed a helicopter escape to Kathmandu from a potato field 2,000 feet below fog-bound Lukla Airport—world's most dangerous commercial short runway—where 2,000 fellow trekkers were stranded for a week. Life can be an adventure!" ✳ **Susan Porter Beffel** sends this update: "It was a year of activity and reflection as I get used to being on my own again—campouts with folk club friends; walks in the woods and joining the local environmental board; running a mulch sale and tree planting as a Lions Club officer; serving supper and leading bingo at the Hypothermia Shelter; participation in a beach retreat and weekly book group; visits with daughter Amanda and good meals, yoga, and hanging out at the barn when she's not studying law. I'm still working at the Dept. of State—many of my overseas years don't count for retirement! There were also extended family gatherings in Vermont with brother Tom Porter '79 for Christmas and his son David's high school graduation; a visit with Ted's son, Karl, and his family in Clearwater—Savanna, almost a teenager, sings in a regional chorus, and Lily (20 mos.) keeps everyone chuckling. Of course, I miss Ted. He taught me to love and live life. As he often said, 'I'm not lost—I'm having an adventure!'" ✳ **Becky Lee Samanci** writes, "I now have two grandchildren. Daughter Rachel had her second baby, Lucy, in the ambulance on the side of the road in front of UVM's Gutterson Field House. Young Lucy is now in the 99th percentile for fatness for a baby her age."

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Tom Scribner's efforts to restore salmon in the upper Columbia River in eastern Washington State are paying off. "I have worked as a fisheries biologist for the Yakama Nation since 1992," he writes, "and I oversee several tribal salmon enhancement/recovery projects in the tribe's ceded area of Washington." A recent story in a local paper, the *Wenatchee World*, described one of his successes: Coho salmon, nearly extinct in the upper Columbia River when the project began, have come roaring back. In fall 2011, the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife opened the first coho-fishing season in more than 30 years on two Columbia tributaries, the Wenatchee and Methow rivers. Tom lives downriver in Portland, Ore., because "I'm a meeting bureaucrat interacting with government agencies involved with the jurisdiction of salmon recovery. I plan on working another four or five years because I love what I'm doing." He offers some personal details as well: "I married late (in 1999) to Kathy, a now-retired flight attendant. I have had both hips replaced in the last three years, one with mediocre results, the other with great results. My passions are tennis (even with limited mobility) and sailing on the Columbia River and around the Gulf Islands of Canada." ✳ From **Marshall Forstein** comes this condensed autobiography: "After teaching at Middlebury Union High School for five years, I went to medical school at UVM, then trained as a psychiatrist in San Francisco and Boston. I've been a faculty member at Harvard Medical School since I finished my residency in 1984 and have been at the same public-sector health-care system in Cambridge for 28 years. My partner and I lived in sin for 24 years until the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enabled us to become upstanding citizens by allowing gay marriage. We recently celebrated 31 years of being together, raising two adopted boys who are now grown young men. My husband Khari, a psychologist, and I have been deeply involved professionally with the HIV epidemic and with gaining civil rights for all sexual minorities. For the past 10 years, I have been a residency-training

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director for one of the four Harvard psychiatry-training programs. Being back at Middlebury last June was great to reconnect with people. Our two Siberian huskies demand that I run with them four to five days a week, which feeds the illusion that I am not as old as my knees think I am. Just as we were beginning to adjust to the empty nest, our youngest decided to go back to college to study music composition and production and is now occupying the third floor of our house. THEY NEVER LEAVE! (But I love it.)"

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Sally Colwell writes, "In May I'm ending my 36-year career as a pediatrician and my husband and I are taking our Monk 36 trawler, *Adirondack,* out the St. Lawrence Seaway, around the Maritime Provinces, and down the coast of Maine. We then plan to continue down the Intracoastal Waterway and spend the winter in the Bahamas." ✳ Putting their years in bio/science communications on the back burner, **Larry Grob** and wife Ellen are embarking on their encore careers, he in art and sustainability, and she in the culinary world as a personal chef and cooking teacher. "I was forever looking at things through a geographer's lens and an artist's eye, and now I'm trying to wrap it all up in a venture I'm calling The Art of Place—doing what I can to activate environmental consciousness and behavior. Navigating the world of sustainability can be daunting, and I hope I can help make it a little clearer and visually connected. Besides, I love to paint, and I love sharing what it teaches me. Our daughters seem genetically inclined to creative pursuits as well. Carlie (26) is an artist in Portland, Ore. Erika (20) is a theater major at American Univ. And Anabel (14) seems to be on a trajectory combining singing, acting, and mathematics. Go figure." An avid networker, Larry welcomes one and all to stop by the studio in Weston, Mass., for coffee and a catch up. Details of his career meanderings are on LinkedIn; sustainability explorations are on his blog, www.theunlikelyactivist.com; and a bit of his artwork can be seen on Facebook. Contact him at lagrob@mac.com. "I hope to see many, many of you at the reunion!" ✳ **Bill DeSalvo** writes, "Jodie and I are looking forward to taking the pilgrimage north for our 40th. Hope to see a great turnout!" ✳ From Canada **Moore Newell** sent the sad news that **Steve Solomon** passed away on August 20. Steve left an obituary, which wife Sarah-Marie and Moore edited to the following: Steve wanted to begin his obituary by paraphrasing the Monty Python sketch about the dead parrot: "Steven's not pinin' for the fjords. He's passed on! He is no more! 'E's expired and gone to meet 'is maker! 'E's shuffled off and joined the bleedin' choir invisible!" He knew we would need a good laugh after the hard months adjusting to his diagnosis, treatment for cancer, and ultimately his death. He was more loved than he knew, but during the last months of his life, surrounded by friends and family, he was happy sharing his stories and his life with those closest to him. He will be sorely missed by colleagues and friends from the Arctic, the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, by friends with whom he shared many outdoor excursions, and most of all by his family. He is survived by mom Edith, siblings Ken and Suzy, his wonderful son, Reuben, Reuben's fiancée, Melanie, and his magnificent wife and partner, Sarah-Marie Loupe. For most of his career, Steve was a marine geologist with special interest in the Canadian Arctic coastline, spending more than 20 field seasons in that unique and wonderful environment. His research allowed him to experiment with new technologies, which he loved, and to develop collaborations with colleagues around the globe from the South Pacific to the Russian tundra. These personal relationships were very important to him. To the end, he never lost his thirst for knowledge, but faced his illness with extraordinary grace and courage. This core humanity is his true legacy. His family and friends carry his love and compassion with them, always, and miss him forever. Replies are welcome: Sarah-Marie Loupe, PO Box 83, Porters Lake, NS B3E 1M1 Canada.

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We are very sorry to report that **Howard Fraker** passed away on December 23. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Midd with a degree in art and then earned an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art. After graduating he was a teacher of art and a coach at St. Andrew's School and Holderness before moving to Nantucket, where he settled for the rest of his life and became a noted artist. Our condolences are sent to his family. An obituary will appear in a future issue.

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As a longtime employee and friend of Keewaydin Camps, I (**Barry Schultz King**) receive all their newsletters. And as a longtime wilderness canoe tripper, I pay special attention to articles on that topic. Imagine my delight, reading the caption of a photo of a motley group of adult wilderness trippers, to see **Art Ellison**'s name—and sure enough, there he was in the photo. He sent this e-mail in response to my query. "It was the 100th anniversary of the first trip to James Bay by a Keewaydin Temagami section. They made a big deal out of it. It was a traditional Keewaydin trip (except for the satellite phone and the antiquated campers). The average age was 53. While I am an enthusiastic Keewaydin supporter, I am by no means a veteran canoe traveler nor a well-versed 'Keewaydin way' practitioner. I had been, until now, only a Keewaydin parent. I had a lot to learn and had a blast doing it. From the warm dry weather, the amazing fishing, a swim in James Bay, and the most spectacular northern lights ever encountered by anyone on the trip (and we had many former Bay Trip campers, guides, and staff in our section), it was a great three-week endeavor. I believe the summers my boys spent in the north woods were invaluable to their development of self-reliance and confidence in their ability to handle challenges, as well as a deep appreciation for wild places and the outdoors in general. Unfortunately, these experiences are harder and harder to get, and thus there is a great gap or lack of understanding in the importance of these places and these experiences in the general population. Keewaydin Temagami continues to offer young adults a chance to 'go there and do that.' That's why when the chance presented itself for me to go and do what my boys had done, I picked up a paddle and went." ✳ **Betsy Bass** visited with Gregg '70 and **Susan Coburn Humphrey** when she picked up her daughter from a month at Middlebury College's Monterey Language Academy for Spanish. It was a long-overdue visit over supper at the Humphreys' home in Weybridge, Vt. Betsy and husband Michael Haenn have two daughters. Katie is in her third year of a five-year marine systems engineering program at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine and Meaghan is a freshman at Mount Holyoke College studying languages. ✳ I (Barry) had coffee with **Charlie Jackson** recently and enjoyed catching up with him. Charlie now lives full time in Shoreham, Vt., and does consulting for businesses and nonprofits, including educational institutions. Daughter Lucy is a senior at Middlebury, a poli sci major, and co-captain of the field hockey and lacrosse teams. Her graduation will bring an end to Charlie's 21 years as a sideline-sports dad. He'll have a bit more time on his hands since part of the duties of being a co-captain's parent is to help organize tailgate parties for all 21 games, home and away! He capped off the field hockey team's successful run to the NCAA Div III finals by hosting dinner for all 85 team members and parents at his farm. Son Sam '05 works at Barclay Capital in NYC and son Nick is finishing his master's in psychology at NYU. ✳ Charlie's brother **Andy Jackson** is winning the grandchild race—he has five! Son Josiah and wife Bay (Danforth) live off the grid in Lincoln, Vt., with son Zealand (4) and eight-month old twin girls, Scarlet and Magnolia. Andy's son Rory also lives in Lincoln with his wife Rita and their boys Judah (6) and Jahlani (3). Rory is a painter and educator who founded Trinity Yard School in Ghana. Andy's daughter Justine '08 is in Ghana running Trinity Yard for the year. ✳ **Tom Rich** continues to run the home furnishing and design business he founded with his parents in 1983 in Pittsfield, Mass., Paul Rich and Sons. He and wife Pam are bracing for the first of their three sons applying to college this year. ✳ **John Morosani**'s Laurel Ridge Grass Fed Beef (LRGFB.com) continues to grow and do well. He sells primarily to CSAs and restaurants so don't look for it in stores. John and Joan's son Daniel '05 served as a lieutenant with the Marines

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in Iraq, got a fellowship at Columbia Business School, and is now at Goldman Sachs. Daughter Allegra '07 has been in advertising in NYC the last three years and has traveled extensively in India. Son Daniel's Iraqi interpreter is now living in Litchfield, Conn., where he works for John at Laurel Ridge. ✳ **Robbie McCallum** is an attorney in Seattle. He recently went to St. Louis to help **Tom Stillman** celebrate his 60th birthday with a pick-up hockey game including retired members of the St. Louis Blues. Tom and Mary have three children and live in St. Louis where they own and operate Summit Distributing, a regional beer distribution company. ✳ Last June **Tucker Swan** married Diana McNamara in Sherborn, Mass. Check out a photo of the wedding on page 67.

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Kevin Donahue writes, "I know that it's early to think about this, but get ready for Homecoming Weekend 2012, Oct. 19–21. For many members of the Class of '75, it will mark the 40th anniversary of the great fall sports program results in field hockey, soccer, and football in 1972. We had a great time at the 25th. Let's do it again. Tell your teammates from the Classes of '73, '74, and '76." More details will be coming soon.

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Correspondent **Gene O'Neill** reports: My postcards inspired **Pierce Hollingsworth** to write a note. Pierce is a longtime Chicago resident. He went to Northwestern for graduate school after Midd and has been in the media business (magazine editing, publishing, and development) since then, and most recently in e-media. He and wife Vicki have raised three children: Tom, a graduate of Columbia College, Chicago, with a music business degree; Nate, a commodity trader in Chicago after DePaul; and Jess, a makeup artist in Burbank, Calif. Pierce requests that you contact him, when you visit Chicago. He promised to come to the 40th.

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Charles Peitz is the coauthor of a new book on the 250-year history of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. Entitled *St. Peter's Church: Faith in Action for 250 Years*, it provides a history of the grounds, the churchyard, and the church itself—a classic example of 18th-century Philadelphia design—with stories and over 100 color and black-and-white photographs. Charles is a freelance editor who was formerly with the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *Wall Street Journal*. ✳ **Elizabeth Barbour** writes, "After being based in West Africa since 1980, I have moved back to the U.S. and consider southwest Florida my U.S. home. I love the semitropics here because it's much like the African subtropics—year-round gardening, serious rainy season, HOT and HUMID!" She was recently promoted to owner/consultant at Global SKILLs, located in Fort Myers, Fla. "What better way to celebrate 33 years with one company than to branch out and start my own freelance consulting business. Global SKILLs was launched in November 2009, and after two years of figuring out how to run a small international business, I'm thoroughly enjoying networking, developing my products, and working with clients. I have just signed my first major contract, which will take me well into 2013, so am feeling quite successful! Although I am U.S.-based, I continue to work in Africa—and in the future, wherever I find my clients. Distance and on-site consulting and coaching make for an exciting mix, while I also enjoy being 'settled' for part of the year chez moi."

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Ellen Hall Adams is enjoying her fifth winter in Park City. "Every day I pinch myself to make sure I'm not dreaming. I left the ski industry in 1994 to raise two boys, Cameron (24) and Kieran (17), and spent 14 years serving on several nonprofit boards, volunteering for school and community activities, and enjoying a lot of tennis, running, hiking, and skiing. Since 2008, I have been the program director for the National Ability Center—a nonprofit that helps people with disabilities participate in adaptive sports and recreation. We deliver more than 17,000 lessons in 12 programs each year and our core programs are skiing and equestrian, my two favorite childhood sports. Every day I have the privilege of witnessing people overcome barriers and achieve things they never imagined possible. In partnerships with the Wounded Warrior Project, U.S. Paralympics, and the community-based Warrior Transition Unit, we will serve over 400 of our country's Wounded Warriors in 2012. It doesn't seem possible that our class graduated almost 34 years ago. I wish everyone the best—please let me know if you are ever out this way." ✳ **Diane Nastri** got together with **Jane Leggett** over the holidays in West Hartford, Conn. Jane brought cookies from **Frances Piemonte**'s company, Biscotti Piemonte, in D.C., which were "fabulous!" Savor here: piemontebiscotti.com. Diane will be able to pick up her own next year when she is in D.C. for her 30th MBA reunion at GW! Son Joe started high school at Conard and is playing football and basketball; daughter Julie is a seventh grader at Sedgwick, where she plays volleyball and has tried out for the school musical. Diane is currently a VP in sales for XConnect, a telecom services provider based in London and New York and last year had dinner with **Kim Wiehl** in London. Expect to hear from her! She and **Mike Abend** are chairing the Class of '78's annual fund-raising this year.

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Katie Weidman Jones writes, "It really doesn't seem like we are old enough to be empty-nesters (or on the verge, like us). All is well with the Jones clan in Rhode Island. Dave continues to work for Sonalysts (defense contractor) and currently is on a project designing training for the Navy. I'm working part time for Barnes and Noble, trying not to leave too much of my paycheck behind and I volunteer as the affiliate director for Destination ImagiNation in Rhode Island. Andrew (23!) is working and living at home. Ellie (21) is in Baltimore doing her last year at Goucher College as a dance major. I ran into **Martha Hagner Leathe** and most of her family at the Panera Bread in Portsmouth, N.H., right after Columbus Day!" ✳ **Josh Schimel** writes, "I've had a pretty busy and fun time since discovering the hard way that I didn't want to be a chemist—at least not the lab variety. I've certainly assimilated thinking like a chemist into how I approach the science I do. I'm finishing my eighth year (of a three-year term) as chair of the environmental studies program at UC–Santa Barbara, a 40-year program that incorporates faculty from disciplines as far afield as literature, sociology, and ecology. I also continue to be an active soil ecologist and Arctic scientist, working in Alaska and Greenland. My two claims to fame for the year were losing the election for president of the Ecological Society of America (although being nominated as one of the two candidates was a surprising honor) and publishing a book, *Writing Science: How to Write Papers That Get Cited and Proposals That Get Funded*, which was recently released by Oxford University Press. It's the only book in its genre that treats science writing as writing and focuses on understanding ideas of story and story structure—and how to use them to write better papers. It's a mix of textbook and autobiography." ✳ Sadly, we have heard that **Jennifer Caldwell** died on December 27. An obituary will appear in a future issue. ✳ In other 1979 news, **Mark Forsyth** was recently re-elected as treasurer of the board of directors of the Ogunquit Playhouse in Ogunquit, Maine. Living in Rye, N.H., with wife Diane, he works for Wells Fargo Equipment Finance in Portsmouth, N.H.

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Annie Hartmann Philbrick writes from Stonington, Conn., where she lives with husband Ben Philbrick and their four kids, most of whom have moved into the adult world. She owns a prominent independent bookstore, Bank Square Books, in Mystic, Conn., and is president of the New England Independent Bookseller's Assoc. and on the advisory council for the American Bookseller's Assoc. Having recently purchased on old farmhouse in Weybridge, which was renovated by Clark Sutton, husband of Megan Wonnacott Sutton '81, Annie spends quite a bit of time in Vermont. Daughter Elma is a junior at Middlebury and currently on a semester abroad in Cameroon. Annie will be visiting her in May. Her other kids are two stepsons, Cyrus Philbrick, who is studying on a Harvard Public Health program in Cyprus, and Clancy Philbrick, a ski bum and baseball coach in Aspen, and son David Burnham, an Oberlin graduate and a marketing coordinator for Simon and Schuster Publishers in NYC. Annie still spends a few weeks a year in the San Juan Islands, Washington State, where she grew up. Middlebury friends she sees often include **Hootie Fogg**, Dede Cummings '79, Trina Kassler Waters '79, and Gretchen Hund '79. ✳ **John Dale** recently moved to Middlebury to join Bread Loaf Corp. as an architect. Previously he was working in Washington, D.C., as a senior associate for Allan Greenberg Architect. Since joining Bread Loaf, he's been working on projects for Northfield Mount Hermon School and the Greenwood School. ✳ Last October **Ian Douglas** was the recipient of the Lavarack Family Alumni Award at Applewild School in Fitchburg, Mass. The award is presented annually to an alum whose life has, in an exemplary way, embodied Applewild's mission and core values. Ian, who graduated from Applewild in 1973, continues to serve as the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut.

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GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Bread Loaf School of English

With an interest in photography, **Gerald Kenjorski** (MA '66) gave a talk last summer called "The Curator's Quandary: Should I Draw the Line?" At issue was photography as art, especially with the popularity of digital cameras. He has served as curator of three photography shows. * In October **Peter Weddle** (MA '78), who is CEO of WEDDLE's Research & Publications, gave a webinar for Recruiting Trends on "How to Recruit Top Talent in Every Generation." * **Donna Walsh Inglehart** (MA '82) has published *Grindstone* (Troubadour Interactive, 2011), a novel set during the American Civil War. * Western New Mexico Univ. recently hired **Kenneth Leupold** (MA '87) to head operations at its local branch in Deming, N.M., within the Mimbres Valley Learning Center. With 35 years of experience in education, he has taught at both the high school and college levels. * After a long career as a poet and teacher, **Ira Brukner** (MA '91) began painting about 10 years ago. Last fall he had an exhibit of his work at the Miller Center for Visual Arts at Urbana Univ. in Ohio. * With 20 years experience as an educator, **Michael Vachow** (MA '93) is the fourth head of Forsyth School in St. Louis, Mo. * Having taken a lengthy hiatus from the independent school world to work in parishes as an Episcopal priest, the Rev. **Patricia Phaneuf Alexander** (MA '94) is delighted to have returned to the classroom at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md. Patty serves as the chaplain to the middle and upper schools and chair of the philosophy and religion dept. Sons William, Peter, and Andrew are in fifth grade, third grade, and kindergarten, respectively, at St. Andrew's. * **Kate Deviny** (MA '95) recently began work as the director of the town library in Great Barrington, Mass. She spent the last decade as the special collections and technology librarian at the Westfield (Mass.) Athenaeum. * With a JD from the Univ. of Virginia, **Jonathan Cannon** (MA '01) is an associate with BuckleySandler in L.A. * In New Orleans, **Julie Lause** (MA '03) is serving as the principal of Tubman Elementary School, a charter run by Crescent City Schools. * **Sorina Kulberg Higgins** (MA '07) sent word that she recently published her second book, a full-length volume of poetry entitled *Caduceus.* Look for more info at www.iambicadmonit.com. * **Tara Minor Rogers** (MA '07) married David Shuman '93 on June 19, 2011. She serves as the chair of the English dept. at the Ensworth School in Nashville, Tenn., and plays flute and piccolo in the Nashville Philharmonic Orchestra. * In September **Daniel Naftalis** (MA '11) joined the faculty of the Portledge School in Locust Valley, N.Y., as an English teacher in the upper school. He also helps coach boys lacrosse.

French School

Last fall **Thomas Quinn** (MA '76) joined the board of directors of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. He is an investment adviser with more than 30 years experience in banking, investment management, and commercial property. * **Jan Steckel** ('83) has published a poetry book entitled *The Horizontal Poet.* You can check it out at www.zeitgeist-press.com. She is the recipient of the Gertrude Press Fiction Chapbook Award and a Rainbow Award for lesbian and bisexual poetry. A retired pediatrician, she lives in Oakland, Calif., with husband Hew Wolff. * **Rhonda Yancey** (MA '84) is planning a long-awaited trip back to Middlebury in July and plans to attend events on campus. She taught French for six years at California Lutheran Univ. and also taught French and English at Lutheran High School of Ventura County, Calif. She is now happily self-employed as a music teacher, close to her home. * **Michelle Malhado** (MA '95) recently received the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Northfield (N.J.) School District. An eighth-grade French and Spanish teacher, she was named middle school teacher of the year. * Sadly, we recently learned that **Josette Lhande Hontanx**, former professor in the French School, passed away on July 7, 2011. She began at Middlebury in 1994, teaching language and vocabulary at the 300 level, and her last summer was 2006. She was retired from the Univ. of Aix-en-Provence.

German School

Attorney **Justin Peterson** (MA '06) recently joined law firm Moen Sheehan Meyer in La Crosse, Wis. He earned his JD from the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn., in 2009. He, wife Amy, and their daughter live in La Crosse.

Italian School

Roger Castiglione (MA '68) writes, "Thanks to the Middlebury program and the year I spent in Florence, I met my Florentine wife while at the Univ. of Florence. (Prof. Val Giamatti was our resident director in that year!) We were married in Florence on June 14, 1964. In retirement, I teach both English and Italian at the Berlitz Language Center in Ridgewood, N.J." * Last July **Tiffany Bistocchi** (MA '06) married Michael Murphy in Philadelphia. She is an Italian teacher in the Quincy (Mass.) School District and he is a lawyer in Boston. * Last August **Lorenzo Buonanno** (MA '06) married Susan Wager at the Topsfield Commons in Topsfield, Mass. He is a candidate for a doctorate in Italian Renaissance art at Columbia Univ. and she is a candidate for a doctorate in 18th- and 19th-century French visual culture at Columbia. * **Timothy Ponzi** (MA '11) is living in Rome and teaching English.

Monterey Institute of International Studies

Tarana Patel (MATESOL '02) was a business undergraduate major at Claremont McKenna, but found herself using all her electives for language study. Fluent in German, on the plane ride back home to India she struck up a conversation with a German lady who talked about her wonderful experiences at the Monterey Institute. Once home, Tarana was asked to teach German to a group of engineers and realized that teaching languages was her true calling. She recalled her conversation about MIIS and enrolled. After completing her MATESOL degree she was hired by the Univ. of California, Riverside and quickly became the academic director. For more than seven years, Tarana oversaw the English-language and teacher-training programs at Riverside. She then founded her own company, LearnEd, focusing on setting up new English language and teacher training programs in India. Tarana comes naturally to her focus on higher education, as her grandparents (on both sides) founded S.K. University in northern Gujarat state. With the passing of her paternal grandfather, Tarana has recently taken over much of his chief administrator activities. She hopes to recruit TESOL students from Monterey for internships at the university. * Sadly we must report that **Jonathan Tucker**, a longtime research fellow with the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS), died on July 31 at his home in Washington, D.C. Jonathan, who served in 1995 as a United Nations weapons inspector in Iraq, was a well-known and widely respected expert on chemical and biological weapons. He was a research fellow with CNS for almost 15 years, before departing earlier in 2011 for a new position with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. CNS director, William Potter, commented on Tucker's passing: "He was unsurpassed as a writer, producing brilliant books at an amazing pace, and with great modesty and seemingly little effort. He never sought the limelight, but was always an eloquent commentator in English, French, and German on policy issues as diverse as public health, bioterrorism, the Chemical Weapons Convention, and dual use-export controls. Jonathan was the epitome of the gentleman scholar, mentor to young and old alike, and respected by everyone. We mourn his passing, which is a tremendous loss to the nonproliferation community and his many friends the world over."

Russian School

Author and illustrator **Jane Crouch** (MA '89) has published a coloring book called *Maya Moon*, which includes Mayan words and glyphs. With input from the first Maya director of the Belize Archeology Institute, she originally published the book in Belize before creating a U.S. version. If you'd like to learn more about it, you can contact her at jcrouch@midmaine.com.

Spanish School

Alexandra Whitaker ('79) has published her first novel, *Leaving Sophie Dean.* It's set in Boston but she plans to set her next novel in Seville, Spain, where she has lived for 20 years. You can check her book out at Amazon or your local bookshop! * **Barbara Holmes Gaias** (MA '81) writes that this is the 30th year her middle school on Long Island, N.Y., has had a relationship with a sister public school in Madrid, Spain. The American students spend two weeks staying with the Spanish families in February and the Spanish students spend two weeks on Long Island during their spring holidays. "The program has survived political unrest, budget cuts, naysayers, and government turmoil." As she approaches her 30th year of teaching, she thinks fondly of her summer at Middlebury and two semesters at the Instituto Internacional in Madrid as the most inspiring and influential of her career. * Currently the head of the Baldwin School in Puerto Rico, **Albert Cauz** (MA '84) is stepping down to become the head of school at Staten Island Academy. He'll be moving to Staten Island with wife Bridget McCabe, a pediatrician, and son Sebastian. * **Jean Mehrle Hitchcock** (MA '91), who has been teaching Spanish and U.S. government at Signature School in Evansville, Ind., will become the executive director after this school year.

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Karen Heston McDonald writes, "I've been renting a house in Aspen, Colo., for the past several school years so that Leo (13) and Louise (11) can participate in the local ski club freestyle program and otherwise enjoy and thrive in this awesome mountain environment. We return to our primary home on Martha's Vineyard in the summer, where my husband runs a commercial lobster fishing operation in Menemsha. I work out of both locations as the chief investment officer for Sage Capital, a convertible-bond shop, videoconferencing daily with my head office in Florida. Lots of moving parts to our lives but that keeps things fresh! I see **Paulina Vander Nordaa** regularly and skied with **Kathy Cleaver** not too long ago when she was visiting Aspen. **Stacey Pogust Danziger** has a place on the Vineyard, too." ✳ **Tyrone Wilson** writes, "My friend **Janie Havemeyer** said, from my Facebook posted pictures, that my journey looked like a king visited his providences or an episode of *This Is Your Life*; I think it's a bit of both. I was out East from mid-October to January 5. It had been as much as 25 years since I set eyes on some of my Midd friends and Middlebury College itself. It was, to say the least, quite moving. In New York, I got to spend a wonderful evening with Pam Chasek '83 and **Norma Robinson**, which ended late at night in Pam's apartment leafing through her scrapbook of old Middlebury memories. I just missed meeting with at least five other Midd friends who happened to be in New York. I played in Boston where I attended a concert in which Lisa Freeman '80 performed and I stayed with her and her lovely husband, John, in Ipswich, Mass. We just missed Phil Hamilton '82, who was performing with his a cappella group! I was entertained in Burlington, Vt., by the Top Cats, a D-8 type group at UVM; had dinner with my college roommate **John Harvey** and his family in Vergennes, and planned to cross the border and do some post-Xmas relaxing in Magog, Canada. All the while I was centering my stay in Rutland, Vt. There's a new love in my life and she, would you believe it, actually lives in Rutland! I can only quote Dorothy in saying, 'There's no place like home.'" ✳ **Anton Becker** survived a stroke last fall and is working his way to good health. We wish Anton the best and hope the recovery is speedy and complete! ✳ **Molly Stevens** has a new book out entitled *All About Roasting: A New Approach to a Classic Art.* Living in Williston, Vt., she teaches culinary arts classes nationwide and is a food writer and editor for a number of national magazines. She spent five years writing the book, which follows her last book, *All About Braising: The Art of Uncomplicated Cooking.*

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We hope to see everyone back on campus for our 30th reunion, June 8–10! ✳ **Hannah Felton Lyons** writes that daughter Molly will be going to Dartmouth this fall and will be rowing for them. ✳ In December there was a mini-reunion of Middlebury folks in Silver Spring, Md., as **Judy Osborn**, **Jeff Clarke**, **John Steinecke**, **Phil Reding**, **Rick Present**, **Paul Benninghoff**, **Mike Sloss**, **Caleb Rick**, and Patrick "Pepsi" McCormick '84 gathered for dinner and a mirth-filled evening sharing humorous anecdotes. ✳ In January **Keith O'Hara** boarded the National Geographic ship *Explorer* to make the crossing of the Drake Passage to Antarctica. He was joined by his mother, sister, an aunt and uncle, and a few cousins for a few days of hiking, kayaking, and sightseeing on the White Continent. Keith reports that it was a reprise of sorts of a research trip his grandfather made to Antarctica with the Navy in the 1960s. ✳ **Laura Ten Broeke Rumbough** reports, "Doug and I are still living in Cornwall, Vt., and loving it. Our daughter graduates from Middlebury Union High School in June and our son is a sophomore at Champlain College in Burlington (and likes it a lot). I am very involved with Tips on Trips, finding incredible summer programs for students—everything from traditional camps in Maine to language immersion in China to internships to art programs to sailing expeditions in the Galápagos Islands—for students ages 8–18. As a camp adviser, my services and expert advice is free, and I have information on over 400 programs that I work with. I'd love to help any of our classmates with summer program opportunities for their kids! In between family, work, coaching MUHS girls tennis, and playing in the 'dacks, Doug and I love to support the Panthers by attending as many sporting events as possible. I'm really looking forward to our reunion and can't wait to see everyone (in person!). Facebook is great, but there's nothing like a REAL hug!" ✳ Check out a dispatch on the Midd magazine website about members of the legendary 1981 football team who were on campus for Homecoming, including **Jim Loveys**, **Bill Genovese**, and **Mike Heffernan** (blogs.middlebury.edu/middmag/2011/11/04/one-for-the-ages/).

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We'd love to hear news from classmates!

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Tracy Mills, husband of **Elizabeth Hruby-Mills**, sent this news: "Elizabeth was appointed by Utah Governor Gary Herbert to be a judge in the 3rd District Court for the State of Utah. The Utah Senate confirmed her appointment and she took the bench on December 15. She had been a lawyer, specializing in family law, with the firm of Richards, Brandt, Miller and Nelson since her graduation from the Univ. of Utah Law School in 1993." Elizabeth resides with Tracy and daughter Hollis (16) in Salt Lake City. ✳ **David Sherris** writes, "I run a residency-training program, teaching residents and medical students facial plastic surgery and rhinology. I also participate in research and write medical papers and books." He has been voted one of Best Doctors in America and is a recipient of multiple research awards. ✳ **Anne Hambleton** writes, "Work, farm, horses are all kicking along fine and I'm having fun competing my ex-steeplechase horses. The big news is—I wrote a book! *Raja, Story of a Racehorse* is a 'could be true' young reader (ages 11+) horse novel about the racing and post-racing odyssey of a well-bred thoroughbred told from his point of view. Check out www.rajaracehorse.com." ✳ From Cordova, Alaska, **Kristin Smith Carpenter** writes, "I can report that we survived Snowpocalypse here, 20 feet of snow in four weeks. I managed to miss most of that by traveling to Guatemala and visiting Mayan ruins. I'm still working at the Copper River Watershed Project and urging everyone to eat more wild salmon to support coastal Alaska communities!" ✳ **Gordon Woodworth** is news editor of the *Chronicle*, a vibrant and relevant weekly newspaper based in Glens Falls, N.Y. He lives in his hometown of South Glens Falls and in January enjoyed watching the Middlebury men's basketball team, coached by longtime friend Jeff Brown, beat Williams in a key NESCAC game. Joining him at the game were two of his nieces, Sara and Hilary Woodworth. Sara is a senior and will graduate in May; Hilary was a February freshman in 2011. Sara and Hilary are the third generation of Woodworths to attend Midd, joining Gordon, his brother Greg '81 (Sara and Hilary's father), his sister Sue '78, and the patriarch of the family, Donald W. Woodworth '59. ✳ **Nancy Ellis Shablom** writes, "After moving quite a few times due to my husband's job (including five years in South Africa), we have been in northern Virginia for eight years. I'm in my second year of teaching ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) at our local middle school. Although it was quite a change from being a stay-at-home mom for 16 years, I'm really enjoying it. Our oldest son, Clayton, is a senior and will be attending West Point (like his dad). Our other son, Nick, is in eighth grade, and our daughter, Elizabeth, is in sixth. Although I'm not on Facebook, I'd love to hear from anyone at Shablone@pwcs.edu." ✳ **Diana Rhudick** writes, "**Madeleine Bass** (who I used to know as **Lynn Butterfield**) and I reconnected after many a year and had a very nice lunch together a few months ago. Also, college is very much on my mind lately because my eldest is in 11th grade (!) and starting his college search process. Thank you to **Julie Alden May** for her tips on that subject." ✳ **Peter Martin** participated in the 40th annual Chilly Hilly Bicycle Ride on Bainbridge Island, Wash., on February 26 (33 miles of roller-coaster hills) and signed up for the Flying Wheels Century Ride in June. He can't remember the last time he actually had face-to-face contact with any Midd folks, much less classmates. He asks, "Anyone else out here in Seattle? I did see a Midd sticker in the window of a parked car on my bicycle commute home yesterday." ✳ **Ruthie Hill Klinck** reports that she and husband Jack '85 have been in Wellesley, Mass., for five years now. Jack works at State Street Bank and all three of their children are in the Wellesley public schools spanning high school, middle school, and elementary. "We spent our weekends at Sugarbush this winter as the kids were ski racing. We have a yellow lab, Abby, who follows me around all day long. I was involved with volunteering last year, co-chairing a school auction and being a co-president of the PTO. I get to see **Jen Stone Potter**, **Dana Curtis Keep**, and **MaryAnne Herlihy Ulian**, all of whom live nearby. **Betsy Hoffman Hundahl**, George Elliman '85, and I drove down to Pelham, N.Y., for **Ann Gustafson Sorice**'s 50th birthday party. It was so much fun. Ann and I reminisced about our days in Starr." ✳ **Betsy Hundahl** adds, "We saw lots of Middlebury folks there and a good time was had by all. Like all good road trips, we were exhausted by the end and had a minor mishap; keys were locked in the car at a gas station outside of New York and we had to get bailed out by AAA. As for me, after a couple of tumultuous years during which I grew up a lot, I'm looking forward to my second adolescence and second childhood in the next half a century." ✳ **Erich Pessl** writes from Ecuador where he and wife Patricia and two kids have been living for this school year. "We left our jobs for a year and moved to a town in southern Ecuador so the kids could see another part of the world and we could do some volunteer medical work. The kids started school the day after we arrived and didn't

speak Spanish beforehand, so luckily they figured out how to swim before sinking. We had a great visit with **Margara Anhalzer** while visiting Quito. We'll spend the rest of the school year here then resume our lives in Montana. Cheers to all." ✳ In book news, **Anthony Flint**, a fellow at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, will publish his third book, *The Raven: The Life of Le Corbusier, Maker of the Modern,* with Amazon—a biography of genius for the father of modern architecture and the Steve Jobs of his day, born Charles-Édouard Jeanneret. Johns Hopkins Univ. Press is issuing the softcover edition of *This Land: The Battle Over Sprawl and the Future of America* this fall, with an updated intro. *Wrestling with Moses* also came out in paperback. Anthony attended TED Long Beach in February. ✳ **Clare Cushman** writes, "I'm still living in Washington, D.C., and working in the field of Supreme Court history. My new book (my fifth), *Courtwatchers: Eyewitness Accounts in Supreme Court History,* is a one-volume narrative history of the Court told through insider accounts." Clare's publisher, Roman & Littlefield, continues, "*Courtwatchers* provides a behind-the-scenes look at the people, practices, and traditions that have shaped an American institution for more than 200 years." ✳ To see some classmates on a bike ride, check out the photo on page 63.

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We have heard from several of our 1985 classmates during the past several months. **John Denny** says, "Since our move from Manhattan in the spring of 2010, the family has been having a great time in Princeton, N.J. The kids have jumped into the local sports scene—Jake (7) and Annie (9) are playing for the Nassau Hockey League in the winter and lacrosse in the spring and Jake is playing football in the fall. Josie (4) has just started her learn-to-play-hockey program and is having a blast. Dad is trying to keep up with coaching the football and hockey teams and Mom is working on the logistics of getting everyone everywhere, often at the same time. I'm still working with Advance/Conde Nast and focusing on launching a new agency with the media company focused on search and social media." ✳ **Don Hall** shared this with us: "Heather and I are enjoying our 19th year in the Seattle area. We have two wonderful kids, Allison (12) and Graham (9). One of our defining characteristics as a family is our obsession with soccer. We all love playing the game and we're big fans of Seattle Sounders FC. On the work side, I've been an independent marketing consultant since 2007, working with companies like Quiksilver, Sonos, and a handful of local technology start-ups. Heather teaches middle school humanities at the Northwest School in Seattle. Last year we took a wonderful trip to Maine where we had a Middlebury 26th reunion with **Andy** and **Kim Davis Gluck** and **John** and **Mimi Harding Owen.** It was a nice 'rain-check' reunion for us because last year our family missed the 25th reunion when our cross-country flight was canceled at the last minute and we couldn't get on another one. Needless to say, it was a big bummer to miss out on the fun, but it was really great to reconnect with close friends last summer. We had a blast waterskiing, hiking, eating, and catching up. We hiked up to the top of Hawk Mountain overlooking Long Lake in Harrison, Maine, and took some great Middlebury group photos featuring the five of us from the Class of '85 plus Andy and Kim's oldest, Samantha Gluck, Class of '14." Check out the photo on page 63. ✳ From Maine, **Peter Eglinton** shared some good news with us: "I am honored and excited to have been selected as the chief operations officer for Portland Public Schools, which was unanimously approved this evening by the school board! I will greatly miss my wonderful colleagues at Abt Associates, where I have worked for nearly 15 years. That said, I am enthusiastically starting a new adventure and a chance to align my passions for education and the important work of Portland Public Schools with my career path." ✳ **Paul Bucci** was recently hired by Cutler Capital Management, based in Worcester, Mass. Previously he was at Second Moment Capital Management, a firm he cofounded in New Canaan, Conn. ✳ And finally, from the Lohmann Twins, **Ruth Lohmann Davis** wants to tell her Middlebury classmates and friends that with the help of husband Matt, she is starting up a company focused on monitoring residential geothermal heat-pump systems. She hopes to be opened for business by this spring! While at an Army alternative energy meeting in Washington, D.C., she unexpectedly ran into Henry LaBalme '84, who works in the solar industry for Tioga Energy. ✳ That's all for now, classmates of 1985! Please keep the news coming! Hope to hear from you all!

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Nat Barber was really glad he went to the 25th reunion. "It was my first reunion, and I found out what great times I've been missing. It was a blast. I got to see my favorite Russian professor, Alya Baker, and make her be my date to the Friday night dinner. My fellow Midd Kids are all grown up now and doing so many fantastic, far-flung, far-out, and interesting things. Finding that stuff out was worth the price of admission alone. There has been a frenzy of friending on Facebook among Midd '86ers all summer, so keeping tabs on each other is easier. My wife, Barbara Lilley, and 13-year-old son, Liam Hyun-Min Barber, and I live near Albany, N.Y., and we both work for the state government, me as an environmental lawyer, Barbara as a librarian/grant program administrator for the State Library." ✳ **Betsy Thompson Serlemitsos** writes, "Our 25th reunion was a family reunion for me as well—I was joined by my 16-year-old son, AJ, who had just finished his sophomore year at Choate, and my 14-year-old daughter, Phoebe, who had just finished eighth grade at the International School of Lusaka in Zambia. About nine months before reunion I had taken a job in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (where I joined classmate **Becky Hart McElroy**). My husband has finished up his project in Zambia, so our family has been scattered over three countries. I'm still working for Johns Hopkins Univ. doing health communication in Tanzania. I've been living in Africa for about 16 years now, working for Hopkins the whole time. It's wonderful to have the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. I've enjoyed regular visits with **Debbie Vehse Lund** and **Christine Langlois**, as I pass through Boston pretty frequently." ✳ **Tom McKenna** says, "Hey, fellow '86ers! Was sorry to miss our reunion, but I'm appreciating the Facebook glimpses. Keep 'em coming, please. If you're ever passing through Juneau, Alaska, please connect." ✳ **Meg Coleman** is now in D.C. with the Department of Energy. ✳ **John Kirk** says, "I live in Winterport, Maine, down the Penobscot River from Bangor and I work in Bangor running a title company with six offices in Maine and one in New Hampshire. My kids are growing up—Charlotte is 17, Marshall, 16, and MacLean, 13. We spend a lot time at Sugarloaf during ski season skiing and hanging around camp. I see **Jon Detwiler** a few times per year to fish and carry on." ✳ With an MS in nutrition from Tufts and a dietetic internship at the Frances Stern Nutrition Center at the New England Medical Center, **Tricia Spurr Thompson** founded the company Gluten-Free Watchdog, which performs independent testing of gluten-free products that are on the market. An internationally recognized expert on celiac disease and the gluten-free diet, she has written numerous articles, books, and book chapters on the subjects. She was recently profiled on celiac-disease.com.

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REUNION CLASS

Andrew Peterson was back on campus in March to present two screenings of the film he produced, *Thin Ice.* He had a Q & A with the audience after each screening. ✳ See you on campus for the 25th reunion, June 7–10! In anticipation of seeing classmates, check out two photos with 1987ers on page 67.

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Elizabeth "Laird" Morgan Tolan sent this update: "After college I worked 14 years in the women's fashion business as a buyer at various retailers in NYC. Currently I'm working at a family-founded business that specializes in interior design, art, and decorative accessories." ✳ Serving as the school superintendent in Canton, Mass., **Jeff Granatino** hosts a cable TV show called *Superintendent's Corner* in order to keep the community informed about what's happening in the schools. The monthly show is recorded and directed by students taking a TV production class at Canton High School. ✳ In February 2010, **Peter Olfe** cofounded start-up Near2there, a mobile service that allows travelers to discover and be alerted to nearby attractions while on a trip. Serving as CEO, he and his company were featured on tnooz.com in January. ✳ On behalf of the entire class of 1988, we would like to extend our sympathies to the friends and family of our classmate **Paula Carlton**. Paula, who passed away late last summer, was a writer, an animal lover, advocate for the disabled, and alumni office volunteer. She will be truly missed. ✳ Welcome to **Anya Puri Brunnick** who is joining Claire as a class correspondent! You can send notes to her at the address below. Thank you to **Beth Zogby** for her years of service as a correspondent.

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Tilton School, a private college prep school serving grades 9–12 and postgraduates in Tilton, N.H., recently announced that **Peter Saliba** would become the new head of school beginning on July 1. Currently he is the director of the upper school at Berwick Academy in South Berwick, Maine. ✳ As reported in the *Bangor Daily News*, **Anne-Marie Storey Hamer** became the president of the Maine State Bar Assoc. on January 1. Having served as VP last year, she became just the eighth female attorney to serve as president. A partner with the Bangor firm Rudman Winchell, she also serves as a member

of the board of directors of the Bangor Humane Society, the Maine Discovery Museum, and the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. She and husband John Hamer live in Winterport, Maine, with their St. Bernard, Madeline.
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We have a spate of wedding announcements from the Class of '90! **Nicholas Budnick** and Beth Slovic married in June 2011. They are both reporters for the *Oregonian*, the daily paper in Portland, Ore., where Nick has the health beat. ✳ In Chicago, **Greg Frezados** and Kimberly Masius (Washington Univ. '97) tied the knot on October 22. A whole lotta Midd crew were in attendance, including **Steve Fitzpatrick**, **Hank Hagey**, **Rob Delorie**, **Jim Stover** in from Beijing, **Jeff Stoner** in from Tokyo, **Tom Schwieters** in from Budapest, and Matt Stewart '91, Karl Michalko '91, Daanish Mustafa '91, Emily Stone '95, Dina Braverman Culioli '82, Henry Persons '86, Elizabeth Cassidy '99, Robby '99 and Catherine Herrick Levy '97, Matt Goebel '94 and Marti Bircoll Kohn '96. ✳ In San Francisco, **Peter Kellner** and Cat Meunier were married in November 2011. Peter is a senior project manager at Matarozzi Pelsinger Builders. ✳ In November **Phil Oldham** joined the College staff as a leadership gifts officer in College Advancement. Over the past 20 years he has worked in international relief and development, serving in Russia, the Balkans, Africa, and Haiti. He lives in Lincoln with wife Jennifer, who is the executive director of the Addison County Hospice Volunteer Services, daughter Fiona (fifth grade) and son Jess (fourth grade). Check out a photo of him with other alums on page 66. ✳ CardioDx recently appointed **Andrew Guggenhime** as the company's CFO. Previously he was serving as the CFO of Calistoga Pharmaceuticals.
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Thanks to all Midd '91ers who submitted updates from near and far. **Elizabeth Kelly Rossetti** lives in South Hamilton, Mass., with husband Ron, son Trip (8), and daughter Georgia (6). Liz just went back to work part time, after being home with the kids for seven years, and is now working in professional development at the law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart in Boston. ✳ **Christina Swenson O'Hara** was recently a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of South Dakota. Now she's doing college, youth, and children's ministry and will move into some new worship leading in the churches in Sioux Falls, where she lives with husband **Dave O'Hara**. He's an associate professor of philosophy at Augustana College and is looking forward to sabbatical next year. Their daughter, Ana, finished her first quarter at the Univ. of Chicago, "so we are officially old now that we have a college student ourselves." One son is a junior in high school and the other is a seventh grader in middle school. ✳ **Dawn Elizabeth Blalock** writes, "I'm living in Nairobi, Kenya. This year I've made a dramatic career change and have taken an extended leave of absence from my job as a spokesperson for the UN's humanitarian operation in Somalia to have a break and care for my daughter, Gwynneth (2.5). I got married two years ago in Hawaii to Craig Goodwin, a New Zealander and UN colleague I met in Sudan. **Michele Rabin** was the matron of honor, **Jackie Belden Hawthorne**, the official photographer, and **Alden Whittaker** traveled all the way from Gabon. I had a blast attending the 20th reunion with **Robin van Orman Azqueta** and look forward to the 25th!" ✳ **Marybeth Dingledy** is climbing Denali in June to raise money for breast cancer research, having participated in the climb for the past seven years and having raised over $60,000. This year she hopes to raise another $12,500. She has been staying busy training for a three-week adventure on the highest peak in North America. ✳ From **Leif Halverson** we heard: "I got my master's in education at Brooklyn College with an Advanced Certificate in School Psychology. I'm living very happily with wife Joan in Ossining, N.Y. We both teach at Rye Country Day School, where I'm the Upper School learning specialist. I work with students who have specific learning difficulties and those who struggle with all sorts of study skills. It's great to hear what everyone from our class is doing (including Feb freshman like me)." ✳ **Marc Bujold** is living in Tampere, Finland, with wife Jill (Herbster) '89 and twin daughters Helen and Sophie (12). Marc is the global e-commerce sales manager for Nokian Tyres and he and his family will be in Finland through June 2014. Jill continues to run her Vermont-based yarn retail business, kyarns.com, from overseas. ✳ **Marika Holmgren** continues to run her event production business, Organic Events, producing sustainable events for nonprofit organizations. When she's not greening-up events, she's racing her mountain bike, sitting on the board of directors of ForestEthics, and lobbying and advocating for safer chemicals as a five-year breast cancer survivor. She sees **Meghan Schwartz**, **Stephanie Blair Kirkwood**, and **Lara Guille Otte** in the Bay Area, and recently spent time with Randall '90 and **Sara Bremner Barry** and their kids in Minnesota. ✳ **Victoria Fischer Luksch** lives in Leverkusen, Germany, and would love to hear from anyone coming through the area! ✳ **Greg Tulonen** is the head writer for the online dramatic series, *Ragged Isle*, which at the time of this writing was up for eight Indie Soap Awards (including fans' choice). ✳ Last November, 10 Midd gals gathered at the Wigwam Resort in Phoenix, Ariz., for a mini-reunion of their own. Those present were **Lucy Randolph Liddell**, **Sara Barry**, **Holly Beardwood Noordsy**, **Rebecca Haskell Andersons**, **Eileen Walsh Hopper**, **Sarah Gandrud Robinson**, **Lara Otte**, **Kate Kelley**, **Heather Morris Wohl**, and **Stephanie Kirkwood**. The women hiked, spent a luxurious day at the spa, and just had a great time catching up, away from commitments and families at home! ✳ **Matt Bonner** sent in a photo of a group of Midd alums enjoying a Patriots game last fall. Check it out on page 67.
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Lisa Christoffersen is proud to announce the establishment of her law firm, Christoffersen Law PS, in Seattle. After 12 years in the field, she will continue to practice U.S. business and family immigration law. She can be reached at 206.935.3824 and lmc@pnwimmigration.com. ✳ **Helen McCabe** writes, "As we approach our 20th reunion, I'm excited to let everyone know that the nonprofit organization, the Five Project, which I cofounded five years ago, is doing well and was recently recognized by the U.S.-China Business Council as the recipient of a charitable donation. This is going to support our work doing autism training in China, as well as creating and distributing training videos about autism and disability (in Chinese). Of course, all of this work is thanks to my education at Midd, especially Prof. Berninghausen and others in the Chinese department! I'm headed to China twice this year to conduct these training workshops. Last year I was in China for a year on a Fulbright research grant—I coincidentally flew over with Isabel McWilliams '10 and Alex Klikunas '10 and was fortunate to spend time with them over the year. I also had visits from Merisha Enoe '08 and Caeli Nistler-Schnabel '08. Always great to see Midd friends in China. (I also enjoyed seeing **Jackie Proulx** last September in Vermont!) I hope to someday see some of you in upstate New York, where I am still teaching at Hobart and William Smith Colleges." ✳ In other 1992 news, as well as serving as the head men's tennis coach at Skidmore, **Nate Simms** is also a documentary filmmaker. His film, *Brunswick*, premiered at the Spectrum in Albany, N.Y., on December 7. It tells the story of a 90-year-old Brunswick, N.Y., farmer, small-town politics, and residential development, as it is being planned for the farmer's former land. After years as a still photographer, Nate has found a new medium for his interest in natural landscapes and land conservation, particularly in Rensselaer County. ✳ Hope everyone can make it back to campus for reunion!
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Rick Gronda earned his doctorate in educational leadership from Fordham Univ. Rick is an elementary school principal in New Jersey where he resides with his wife and four children. ✳ Last June 19 **David Shuman** married Tara Minor Rogers, MA English '07. He holds a degree from the Univ. of Virginia School of Law and is employed as senior patent litigation counsel at HTC America. They live in Nashville, Tenn.
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Brent Cossrow was recently elected to partner in the Philadelphia office of Fisher & Phillips, a national labor and employment law firm that represents management. He counsels businesses on a wide range of employment matters, with a focus on the issues arising out of the movement of employees between competing companies. ✳ PepsiCo and its market research partner, Sentient Decision Science, received industry recognition last fall when they were awarded the 2011 EXPLOR award. **Aaron Reid** is the founder and chief behavioral scientist of Sentient Decision Science, which is based in Portsmouth, N.H. With a PhD in experimental psychology, he founded the company to bridge the gap between behavioral science and business. He lives with wife Amy and daughter Celia in Portsmouth. ✳ The *Rochester Business Journal* announced last fall that **Becky Wehle** had been named one of the 2011 Forty under 40 honorees. She is the executive director of donor relations in the Office of Advancement at the Univ. of Rochester. She and husband Edward Nicosia live in Brighton, N.Y., with their son and daughter. ✳ In another 40 under 40 list, **Jared Goetz** was named to the Under 40 Hot List for the home entertainment industry as reported in *Home Media Magazine*. He is a senior VP, pay television and digital sales, for Disney/ABC Domestic Television.

He joined Disney in 1995 as a sales trainee. ✳ In the fall, Northstar Healthcare announced that **Jin Pyun**, who is the former health category sales director at AOL and director of strategic development at WebMD, had been appointed to the board of directors. He is also the founder and CEO of MyBoosts, a health and wellness motivation website.
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Exciting news abounds. We continue to hear from classmates who have been quiet since graduation. Keep the news coming! ✳ From the list of "Missing from the *Middlebury Magazine*" comes an update from **Winfield Campbell.** Winfield is in his native Houston enjoying life with two boys (ages 5 and 2), with a girl on the way. He's a board-certified orthopedic surgeon. Welcome back, Winfield! ✳ **Lindsey Holmes** writes in as she heads back for her sixth legislative session as a state representative in Alaska. She's gearing up for the fall 2012 elections and will spend the summer as a Marshall Memorial Fellow. This will provide her a month of European travel exploring the institutions, politics, and culture on the other side of the Atlantic. When the Alaskan legislature is not in session, Lindsey is an in-house attorney for a local telecommunications company. Good luck in this fall's election, Lindsey. ✳ Writing from NYC, **Shara Mendelson** adds her voice to the class notes section for the first time. Having lived in NYC since graduation, Shara opened a company called Plum Benefits in 1998. After many successful years, she recently sold it to Telecharge. Now she is contemplating her next move, which is sure to include travel. She would love to reconnect with old friends and can be reached via e-mail at shara.v.mendelson@gmail.com. ✳ **Kirsten Bremer Belh** shares the exciting news of the birth of Ethan Ryker Belh on October 21. Ethan joins big brothers Liam (7) and Miles (2.5) and big sister Elena (5). ✳ **Carol Tonge Mack** was promoted in January 2011 to Director of Student Retention Initiatives (College of Arts and Sciences) at the Univ. of Cincinnati. Daughter Allyson Tonge-Mack (20), who was usually seen as a child in the dining halls during J-term, is a fashion design major at the university and recently made an outfit entirely with duct tape. Husband **James** began a sabbatical from the chemistry dept. in January. ✳ **Dan Richards** continues to grow Global Rescue, the crisis-response company he founded in 2004. They recently added Middlebury as a client after evacuating 24 students and faculty during the unrest in Egypt during the Arab Spring. He and wife Melissa Roth (who serves as the company's general counsel) split time between Lebanon, N.H., and Boston where the company has operations centers. ✳ **Janine Zacharia** and husband Jeremy Bailenson welcomed daughter Anna Rae Bailenson on June 10, 2011. After running around covering the Arab revolutions, Janine left her job as Jerusalem Bureau Chief for the *Washington Post* in April 2011 and now lives in Redwood City, Calif., with Jeremy, Anna, their two rescue dogs—Lemmy and Emma—and cat, Al Pastor. In addition to being a new mom, she is also the Carlos Kelly McClatchy Visiting Lecturer at Stanford, teaching an introductory journalism class. ✳ **Britt Miglietta** and husband Mike welcomed son Grady Joseph in January 2011. While he arrived two months early and required some time in the NICU, he is doing wonderfully now. ✳ After ringing the bell on his year as president of the Rotary Club of Oconee County, Ga., **JP Watson** took flight to India with seven students and another faculty member from Athens Academy. Read about their adventures at http://www.athensacademy.net/india_2011/2011/07/. JP continues to serve as associate headmaster and enjoys his yearly trip to Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf. ✳ Becky Bayless Theobald '84 recently sent an article to the magazine office that features **Kate Pearson**. Published in the Assoc. of American Geographers newsletter, the article appears in the "Profiles of Professional Geographers" column and focuses on her job as the strategic partnerships director for Habitat for Humanity International in Haiti. She joined the Haiti operation in February 2010, soon after the devastating earthquake that hit the country. An update at the end of the article said Kate is now working for Wetlands International as the resource development manager. ✳ The father of **Nicole Greco** sent word that Nicole married Peter Trapa in October 2010 and they live in Salt Lake City, Utah. Nicole is a project manager for sporting goods company Backcountry.com in Park City and her husband is chairman of the math dept. at the Univ. of Utah.
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Living in North Smithfield, R.I., **Sarah Merrill** was recently profiled in the *Valley Breeze*. She has opened a new home-based business called Merrill Memoirs: Preserving Life Stories for Future Generations. After volunteering in a senior home, she became interested in genealogy and took classes in oral history at the Salt Institute in Maine. Now she works with clients to preserve family memories and produces tribute books, life-story books, digital recordings, and transcripts. ✳ In December AMAG Pharmaceuticals announced that **Scott Holmes**, the company's VP of finance and controller, had been appointed chief accounting officer. He joined the company in September 2011 after serving as VP of finance and treasurer of Molecular Biometrics.
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We hope classmates can make it back to campus for our 15th reunion!
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One of the ice hockey games played at the rink in Fenway Park in Boston this January was a rival match between private schools Noble and Greenough and Milton Academy. Hugh Marlow '57, an alumnus of Milton, went to the game and ran into **Mark Spence**, who is the assistant hockey coach at Nobles. Noble and Greenough won the game. ✳ **Ben Dixon**, who is the university coordinator for economic development at St. Lawrence Univ., gave a talk in December at the Canton Area Zonta Club entitled "Campus, Community and North Country Sustainability, Jobs and Economic Development." ✳ The board of directors at Pioneer Communications recently selected **Catherine Veach Moyer** as the new CEO and general manager of the cooperative, which is based in Ulysses, Kan.
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Alexander Loth and wife Kara are proud to announce the birth of son Oliver Patrick. He was born on March 17, 2011, in Concord, N.H. Oliver joined brother Owen Wilder, born May 19, 2008, who is ready to teach his younger brother all his great dance moves. ✳ Todd and **Lise Falaleev Miranowski** report that Sasha Helene Miranowski was born on October 29 in the middle of a snowstorm in Greenwich, Conn. ✳ **Dan** and **Molly Magill Meyer** welcomed **Pete Steinberg** to their home in Freeport, Maine, for pizza and a tour of Dan's new wine cellar. Dan is working as a hospitalist physician at Maine Medical Center, Molly is watching two-year-old Jack and balancing that with work, and Pete is a urologist at Maine Medical Center. ✳ The father of **Thomas Greco** sent the information that Thomas was married to Abigail Howard in August 2010 and now lives on Beacon Hill in Boston with Abby and their puppy, Orville. Thomas is a senior analyst with GID Corp., a national commercial real estate company, and Abby is a marketing specialist with AOL Corp. ✳ In January the law firm of Nutter McClennen & Fish announced that **Chris Lindstrom** had been elected partner. He's a partner in the litigation dept. and a member of the labor, employment, and benefits practice group. For the past three years, Chris has been named a Rising Star by Massachusetts Super Lawyers. ✳ **Peter Austin** was recently appointed senior VP/team leader for Rosenthal & Rosenthal, based in their Manhattan headquarters. Previously he was senior VP/account executive at Wells Fargo's trade capital division. He lives with wife Jennifer and their three children in Rockville Centre, N.Y. ✳ Several 1999 weddings over the past year and a half showed up in the *New York Times*. In December 2010 **Joanna Hooper** married James Sattler in Sun Valley, Idaho. She is an attorney with law firm Manatt, Phelps & Phillips in L.A. ✳ In June 2011 **Bryson Tillinghast** married Elisabeth Motley in Salem, Mass. Living in Seattle, he works for Microsoft. ✳ In December 2011 **Ben Schlechter** married Kevin Bolduc in Boston. Ben is a clinical fellow in medicine at Harvard Medical School and a fellow in hematology and oncology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.
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After three years in L.A. defending immigrants in deportation proceedings, **James Duff Lyall** spent last summer volunteering with No More Deaths, a group that provides humanitarian aid and documents Border Patrol abuse along the U.S.-Mexico border. Duff is now a staff attorney at the ACLU of Arizona. ✳ After completing her residency at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and giving birth to son, Hale, **Megan Harris Batchelder** joined Community Medical Associates in Newport, Vt., and moved back to the Northeast Kingdom with Hale and husband Jason, a Vermont Fish & Game warden. She joined her father, Peter '74, at CMA, where he has been a longtime internist and pediatrician. ✳ **Steve Waltien** was home in Shelburne, Vt., for the holidays and put on two improv comedy shows in Burlington to benefit the Mahana Magic Foundation. He acts, writes, and teaches improv in Chicago and tours internationally with the Improvised Shakespeare Co. and the Second City's Improv All-Stars. He did the Vermont shows with Andrew Knox, his partner in "Team Vermont" for the iO Chicago's United States of

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Improv competition, where they have reached the semifinals.
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Becky Ruby Swansburg reports, "In January, I started a new job as chief marketing officer for Stonewood Financial, a specialty financial services firm. It's quite a switch from my past work in the government/nonprofit sectors, and I'm excited to help the company execute its strategic growth plan." ✳ **Sharon Wilson Purdy**, husband Michael, and son Elijah (2) are now a family of four! Jacob Charles joined the gang on October 19. He's all smiles! ✳ **Corey** and **Kate Griffiths Wilk** welcomed Myles Hunter Wilk on November 18. Corey and Kate's first son, Sawyer, is excited to be a big brother! ✳ **Katy West So** writes, "On January 24, Adrian and I welcomed Justin Tyler So into our family. The three of us are settling into our new life and trying to squeeze in sleep wherever we can! We're all doing well, and finding each day a new adventure." ✳ HFF recently announced that **Tom Graziano** had joined the firm as a director in its New Jersey office. Previously he was a VP in the loan portfolio strategies group of Keefe, Bruyette & Woods in NYC. ✳ A couple of 2001 weddings were reported in the *New York Times* last year. In March 2011 **Brad Pryba** married Nerissa Weiner in Jersey City. She manages commercial properties in the real estate group at BlackRock and he is the associate counsel for ethics at the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. ✳ In August **Gabe Sherman** married Jennifer Stahl, Russian School '04, in Waitsfield, Vt., at the Round Barn Farm. She is a fact-checker at the *New Yorker* magazine and he is a contributing editor at *New York* magazine.
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In November 2011, Megan Sands received her PhD in epidemiology from Brown Univ. and accepted a position as a postdoctoral fellow in clinical epidemiology at the Univ. of Pennsylvania. In her spare time, Megan runs an intramural arm-wrestling gym, where she trains patrons in the likes of Sylvester Stallone in the movie *Over the Top*. ✳ In other academic news, **Justin Knox** started his PhD at Columbia Univ. in public health. ✳ Chad '04 and **Sydney Johnston McConathy** recently announced that there's a new cowboy in town, Declan Patrick McConathy, born in 2011. ✳ While on the topic of newborn rascals, **Pete Rosenblum** and **Katie Tallon** welcomed the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Olivia in early 2011. ✳ **Sebastian Astrada** and **Ganga Chengappa** celebrated the birth of their baby girl, Somie, and are enjoying life in Washington, D.C. ✳ Damon Gacicia '03 recently purchased a pet hamster and reports that the little bugger is doing great things. ✳ **Anne Alfano** has moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., and is working/cooking with the Momofuku Restaurant Group. ✳ **Brett Dorfman Gaillard** is working as an architect in NYC, currently focusing on a restoration project of the Empire State Building. ✳ **Morgan Jones** is working as the director of content at Rooftop Comedy, teaming with ad clients and media partners to create funny videos that they can sell or market on interwebs and on TV. Morgan writes that his wife, the lovely **Annie Nichols Jones**, is working as California's premier speech therapist in a private practice called Speech, Inc. Daughter Abby is also working on developing her speech. As of now, her favorite things to say are "kitty" and "oh no!" but never in the same sentence. ✳ **Caitlin Wagner** married Aaron Kinnart in July 2011 at the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, N.H. **Heather Beal LaRocca**, **Whitney Strohmeyer**, and **Maria Young** were bridesmaids and **Matt LaRocca** played the music for the ceremony. Caitlin and Aaron live in Burlington, Vt., where Caitlin is in her second year of a psychology doctoral program at UVM. ✳ In June 2011 **Cara McKenney** married Tze Chun in Cohasset, Mass. They met while students at Milton Academy. She's a producer of title sequences for TV and film and he's a filmmaker. ✳ **Kimya Gharib** sent some updates: "I got married on May 21, 2011, to Brian Kurilla in Washington, D.C., in a combined Iranian and Catholic wedding. **Katie Angelo Pierozzi** and **Meredith Bazirgan** were my matron and maid of honor. After our wedding, we spent nine days in the Maldives, which was amazing. My work at Hilton Worldwide on the strategic partnerships team is still going extremely well. I traveled all over the world in 2011, including trips to Ecuador, Barcelona, London, Toronto, Brazil, and several other quick stops in South America. This year should be exciting as well, with a trip to London for the 2012 Olympic Games as part of our sponsorship of Team USA. And here are some other tidbits: **Katie Pierozzi** gave birth to her first child, Pietra Pierozzi, on November 28—a beautiful little girl! **Katie Lord Kouts** got married in Australia in August 2011. I spent New Year's Eve with **Katie Wargo Roberts** in San Francisco, where she is enjoying her second year of married life, working as an aesthetician, and pursuing her MFA in nonfiction creative writing at the Univ. of San Francisco."
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Jamie Davis and Spencer Godfrey '02 sent this message: "We welcomed Ian Thomas on September 27, 2011, joining big sister Sally. We finally made Vermont our permanent residence and are happily settled in the Mad River Valley!" ✳ In wedding news, **Liz Moore** married Devin Coyle (Georgetown) last June 18 at Mead Chapel with a reception following at the Waybury Inn. Living in Venice, Calif., she is a management consultant and he's a lawyer. ✳ In October **Nick Ferrer** and Lindsay Smith were married in Middletown, Va., at Belle Grove Plantation. They live in NYC where she is a personal trainer at Equinox Fitness and he is a corporate attorney at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. ✳ As reported in the *New York Times*, **Robert Buckley** and Milano Miodini were married in October in NYC. She works as an advertising copywriter for the company, Coach, and he is a financial research analyst at investment firm Latigo Partners. ✳ **Tim Soslow** was honored by *Gambit* newspaper as one of New Orleans' accomplished 40 under 40. A software engineer for TurboSquid, a 3-D modeling company, he also founded Prelude, an organization targeting younger audiences for the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, and helped found Emerging Philanthropists of New Orleans, an organization that helps fund arts and children's nonprofits, among other things.
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Jason Farkas recently joined Bloomberg Television as senior broadcast producer, working on afternoon programming. Previously he was at CNBC, where he was senior producer of CNBC SportsBiz and Trading the Globe. ✳ Many 2004 weddings took place in 2011. On February 19, **Kathryn Slattery** and **Matthew Longo** were married at St. Mary Church in Greenwich, Conn. Kathryn works as a financial adviser at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Westport and is also a certified yoga instructor. Matthew is pursuing his master's in theology at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y., and is a private tutor with Summit Educational Group. ✳ In April **Will Cleveland** married Grace Applefeld at the Engineering Society of Baltimore. They met at the Univ. of Virginia where both received a law degree. She is an associate specializing in copyright and trademark law with the Washington law firm Arent Fox and he is an associate specializing in environmental litigation with the Washington law firm Baker Botts. ✳ In May **Steve Hickey** married Amy Bickford in Dover, N.H. She is working towards an MBA from Suffolk Univ. in Boston and he is working towards his juris doctor at Suffolk. She also works for Boston Capital, a real estate investment firm. ✳ On June 25 **Dylan Cutler** and Christie Jones were married at the Kiawah Island Ocean Course in South Carolina. With an MA in intercultural relations, she is employed by GlobaLinks Learning Abroad in Westminster, Colo. Dylan received an MS in engineering at the Univ. of Colorado–Boulder and is employed with the National Renewable Energy Lab in Golden, Colo. They live in Boulder. ✳ In August **Alexandra Burr** married Allen Slamic in Worthington, Mass., at a farmhouse that has been in her family since 1800. They met at Yale, where they both received a master's in architecture. She is a designer at Bernheimer Architecture in Brooklyn, N.Y., and he is a designer at Sage & Coombe Architects in Manhattan.
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Working in fund-raising as the assistant director of principal gifts in the College's advancement office, **Jeff Stauch** has used his expertise to publish *Effective Frontline Fundraising: A Guide for Nonprofits, Political Candidates, and Advocacy Groups.* You can check it out at www.apress.com/9781430239000. ✳ **Stephanie Dosch** married Iñigo Landa on October 15 in a small ceremony outside of Madrid, Spain, attended by his family and Shannon Locks, MA Spanish '06. Iñigo whisked Stephanie off to New York in January, where she was looking forward to hanging out with **Julia Cuthbertson** and **Sheila Seles**, as well as reconnecting with all the other Midd peeps living there! ✳ In other wedding news, **Julia Mosse** married Jared Newman at her family home in Litchfield, Conn., last May. Both received law degrees from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She's an associate in the litigation dept. at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle in NYC and he's an associate in the real estate litigation dept. of Pryor Cashman in NYC. ✳ The S&R Foundation, which encourages and stimulates scientific research and artistic endeavors among young individuals, announced the 2011 recipients of the S&R Washington Award and one recipient was **Laura Eckelman**. She is a NYC-based lighting designer for theater, dance, opera, and other performance events and has received regional

and national recognition for her design work. ✳ While participating in the Iowa Writers' Workshop last fall, **Jen Percy** learned she had been awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. At the same time, her brother, Ben, was awarded one as well. Jen has written a book about an Iraq war veteran with post-traumatic-stress syndrome that is being published by Scribner.
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As the class of '06 joins the rest of the world and waits for 2012 to bring the end of civilization, a few have decided to continue with their lives of excellence and accomplishment, for which we applaud. ✳ **Chris Cadwell** was spotted outside a bar in San Francisco celebrating the St. Louis Cardinals' World Series victory. ✳ **Brittany Potz** saw two of the former Ride Mod'ers—**Alex Casnocha** and **Dan Saper**—during her California trek this past winter. She was in NorCal for a medical conference before swinging down to L.A. for a microbrew with **Annie Stamell** and **Jack Donaldson**. Jack is living in Venice Beach and working in film development for the director Marc Forster (*Stranger Than Fiction, Finding Neverland*) at his company Apparatus. He worked on two films that will be released this year: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid 3,* in theaters this August based on the children's book series, and *World War Z,* based on the book by Max Brooks and starring Brad Pitt, which will be released by Paramount in December. Stamell made it back to the East Coast for the holidays, hosting a very grown-up cocktail party in late December in NYC. In attendance was recent Brooklynite **Michael Kagan**, as well as **Ashley Lyddane** and **Jenna Boyle**. Merriment—and lemon bars—were shared by all. Not able to make it was **Ian Duffy**. However, it looks like Duffy got the last laugh on us all by taking an awesome trip to Africa this winter, spending about two weeks in Uganda and Rwanda. ✳ **Kim Hults** is living the dream with her husband in Hawaii. She recently received a visit from **Rachel Durfee**. Speaking of Rachel, back in the Bay Area she continued a tradition that started in Pearsons dormitory sophomore year and held her eighth annual Chanumas party. Reaffirming her status as a peerless social doyenne, she pulled in an impressive number of '06ers including **Jamie Wong**, **Clark Smith**, **Jay Boren**, **Alex Casnocha**, **Pat Philips**, **Mary Claire Evans**, **Joyce Driscoll**, and **Ben Golze**, as well as Emily Adler '07. ✳ **Jacob Whitted** is living in Denver, Colo., and working for the law firm Snell & Wilmer, having graduated from the Univ. of Denver law school last spring. ✳ Also in Colorado is **Andrew McConathy**, whose band, the Drunken Hearts, has had much success recently. Their album will be out soon! ✳ **Caitlyn Ottinger** and husband **Stephen Jensen** now live in Albuquerque, N.M. ✳ Also now in Albuquerque is **Coleman Hutzler**, who recently left the Univ. of Florida to become the special teams coordinator and outside linebacker coach at the Univ. of New Mexico. Go Lobos! There will certainly be a Middlebury trip to New Mexico to take in a game this fall. ✳ **May Boeve** was featured in *YES! Magazine* as one of the YES! Breakthrough 15, who are "15 extraordinary people transforming the way we live." The article focused on her work with 350.org. ✳ **Josh Carson** was recently named a VP of L&L Holding Company, where he was previously serving as an associate. ✳ Our apologies to **Ed** and **Emily Egan Allen**. We said in the winter issue that they were teaching at the Berkshire School but they are actually at Millbrook School in New York. ✳ And we thought we'd end with an update from Kabul: "U.S. Army 1st Lt. **Chris Harnisch** and Alexandra Widas '08 are working to combat corruption in Afghanistan as part of a joint interagency task force called 'Shafafiyat,' meaning 'transparency' in Dari and Pashtu. They are based out of ISAF headquarters in Kabul. Both are on one-year tours, which will end this spring." Thoughts for safety and success! Check out a photo on page 66. ✳ Finally, our apologies to **Tyler Bak.** We really wanted to include an update in this issue, but unfortunately we just ran out of time and space. We'll get you next time, Tyler.
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REUNION CLASS

Chris Heinrich sent in some updates: After four years working in the nonprofit sector, **Miosotis Perez** is now attending Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy while coteaching a course at NYU. ✳ **Jason Grout** has retired from Williamsburg to Park Slope and is enjoying life working in digital-media buying and on his music-events collaborative "Pants Dance" with Midd '08ers Sam Dakota Miller, Robert Mohr, and Max Hulme. ✳ **Jeff Olson** recently got promoted at TBS Networks and is engaged to be hitched in the near future. ✳ **Camille Padilla** has spent the past three years working for the Federal Reserve. She and **Chris Heinrich** are happily cohabiting in San Francisco, where he is working and researching toward his MSW from Smith College. ✳ **Samantha Rivera** will also soon graduate from Smith's MSW program in August. She works with at-risk families in Washington Heights and is obsessed with living in Queens, N.Y. ✳ **Dana Weissman** is living in Oakland studying transportation planning at UC-Berkeley. She takes advantage of every chance she gets to BART into San Francisco and hang out with Cami and Chris. ✳ **Carol Wilson** recently moved to Queens and is luckily closer to her classmates **Samantha Rivera** and **Sharai Lewis-Gruss**. Together they plan to discover the densely rich diversity the borough has to offer. Sharai has been on her grind, studying GIS/geography at Hunter College. She just might design a map that highlights all of the crazy delicious food in her Astoria neighborhood. ✳ **Chris Bohorquez** and **Ilhan Kim** have been living together in Manhattan for a number of years now. They are very satisfied. ✳ After three-plus years of producing fashion shows and after-parties in San Francisco, **Doug Sisson** left Mecca and relocated to NYC. Since then he has been chasing social media, event planning, and being a hopeless romantic ever after. ✳ **ReNard Rogers** is working in renewable energy in NYC and is still nostalgic for learning about the world in Midd's classrooms. He misses being in the Middlebury bubble and is eagerly anticipating our five-year reunion! ✳ In other 2007 news, cyclist **Megan Guarnier** was interviewed recently by *Pro Cycling News.* A member of Team Tibco, she won the Giro del Toscana in 2011 and hopes to do well enough in 2012 to make the U.S. Olympic team. ✳ **Ben Salkowe** is teaching at Keller Elementary School in Las Vegas. He works with a motivated group of fifth and sixth graders called Students Working Overtime. ✳ **Matthew Johnstone** recently began as the new pastor at Scotchtown Presbyterian Church in Middletown, N.Y. He earned his master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. ✳ A veteran New Hampshire Republican activist, **Brinck Slattery** recently started a new consulting company called Solutions+ in Manchester, N.H. It will offer a range of PR and voter relations services to campaigns and advocacy groups in New England. ✳ We hope everyone can make it back to Midd for our reunion, June 8–10!
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Mark your calendars! Our 5-year reunion (gasp) is June 7–9, 2013, back in Middlebury. Let's do the Class of 2008 proud and do our best to get together for what is sure to be the most memorable of weekends. In the meantime, our classmates are up to some pretty cool things. ✳ **Alex Yule** finished up some time in Redlands, Calif., where he spent the last two years working for ESRI on their mapping-center team building interactive maps. Now he's moved up to San Francisco for a yearlong fellowship with Code for America, working to help cities connect with and better govern their citizens. ✳ **Paxson Woelber** recently left San Francisco for his home state of Alaska for several months of Arctic survival training. After that he'll be working in Greenland for a year as a "wrangler" in the world's only commercial polar bear farm. ✳ **Jed Yeiser** finished up his bachelor of engineering at Thayer (Dartmouth) in the spring of 2010 and moved out to Seattle to work for K2 Sports as a ski design engineer with K2 and LINE skis. He shared that it's been an incredible experience with a relentless learning curve, but it's perfect. He had a busy fall 2011 with trips to the factory in China and sales meetings in Hawaii and Colorado. Skis he's developed over the past eight or so months will hit stores next fall—keep your eye out! In Seattle, Jed has spent time with Spencer Paxson '07, **Shannon Donegan**, **Evan Williams**, **Libby Marks**, and Goudi Vandal '06. Jed's also enjoying the easy access to some pretty incredible mountain ranges (the North Cascades are stunning) and the adventures they afford. Jed's also managed to travel around the Western U.S. a bit. The summers bring frequent trips to Mt. Hood in Oregon for testing, and Jed shot down to Shasta with **Clayton Reed** for a shotgun climb/ski/death march. Less than a week later he found himself bobbing down the North Fork of the Payette in the middle of the night, chasing **Kira Tenney** and Andrew "Billy" Wagner '09; Billy and Jed ended up in Ketchum, Idaho, to watch U.S. Mountain Bike XC Nationals where Lea Davison '05 and Spence Paxson rocked the competition. ✳ Also in the West, **Des Jennings** has been working in the real estate industry in Jackson Hole at RE/MAX Obsidian Real Estate where he does both residential and commercial work. (He also shares an office with Midd alums Clitus "Chip" Marvin '90 and Ted Kyle '92.) Des was recently visited by **Cam Waldman** during his move from D.C. to Arizona and Des always welcomes the opportunity to show people around the beautiful area that he has called home since graduation. ✳ Back in the East, **Eric Wong** completed his first semester at the Univ. of Pennsylvania School of Design in their master of architecture program. **Ben Ostro** stayed with Eric for about a month in September when he was at UPenn hospital doing a visiting rotation for medical school. ✳ **Laura Budzyna** will graduate with her MPA in development practice from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs this coming May.

✳ In 2011, **Evan Williams** started his graduate degree in biomechanics engineering (prosthetics) at the University of Washington. ✳ **Marcus Bellows** and **Amanda Brickell** were married at the Brick Presbyterian Church in Manhattan on June 25, 2011. They had a wonderful time celebrating with the 31 Middlebury grads who were in attendance, including bridesmaids **Ellie Buechner**, **Brianna Cullen**, **Chelsea Minton**, **Lauren Sweetser**, and **Kayla Race**, and groomsmen Eric Ambrette '04, **Jeff Boyd**, **Tyler Johnson**, and **Corey Reich**. Afterward, Marcus and Amanda enjoyed their two-week honeymoon in Switzerland and Italy. ✳ Based in Kabul, Afghanistan, Chris Harnisch '06 and **Alexandra Widas** are on a one-year tour, ending this spring. See the 2006 column for more info and check out a photo on page 66. ✳ Send us your news anytime!

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09 During the year he spent as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow, **Cully Cavness** worked with wind, solar, geothermal, micro-hydro and waste heat power producers, engineering firms, and related manufacturers. He visited 22 countries but spent the majority of his time in four: Iceland, China, Spain, and Argentina. His favorite country was either Iceland for its gorgeous landscape and amazing people, or China for its mental aspects. As a result of his work, he published three articles in the *International Geothermal Association Quarterly Review* and coauthored one with a PhD researcher in Peru. The main geothermal industry blog, www.thinkgeoenergy.com, published an article about Cully and his Watson project. After his Watson Fellowship, Cully was hired as the business development manager for Global Geothermal, where he works on projects ranging from finance to engineering to logistics and operations. His mentor, the CEO, is teaching him at a blistering pace. Since starting last mid-August, he has traveled to Houston, Kennett Square, Pa., Dubai, Porto, and a few places in Iceland, and will be responsible for projects and relationships in China, Pakistan, Australia, Germany, Portugal (and hopefully some of the Portuguese-speaking African and SA countries), Iceland, and maybe a few other places if they win contracts. Cully lives in Nolita in Manhattan where he planned to max financial models from his roof deck until winter. ✳ **Bill Souser** was living on Lake Dunmore last fall, building traditional wood-canvas canoes and preparing to embark with them this spring on a 1,200-mile journey from Vermont to James Bay in northern Ontario (www.expedition2012.com). The entire effort is a fund-raising mission for summer camp scholarships for children from low-income families. ✳ **Max Mackinnon** and **Maji Chien** have partnered to open a restaurant and specialty foods market in Burlington, Vt. Pistou opened on December 2 and serves contemporary American cuisine prepared with both classic and modern French techniques using high quality, seasonal ingredients. Both Max and Maji worked in the culinary arts and restaurant industry in NYC after graduating from Middlebury. There, they started talking about what they would do if they owned a restaurant and then were presented with this opportunity. ✳ **Leah Bevis** is in her second year of a PhD program in applied economics at Cornell Univ. She is a fellow in the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeships (IGERTs) program. She's specializing in poverty and development and completing her research in East Africa (mostly Kenya and Ethiopia) focusing on how human capital formation contributes to or alleviates persistent poverty in sub-Saharan Africa. ✳ **Hank Rosen**, **Noah Feder**, and Graham Egan '11 are living together in the financial district in Lower Manhattan along with four other friends. When not toiling away at their respective jobs, Hank (working in public policy in criminal justice and behavioral health issues), Noah (a development director for a parochial school), and Graham (working in public relations) try to set weekends aside to spend time with friends **Greg McDermott**, **Kevin O'Rourke**, **Brennan Long**, **Peter Murphy**, **Matt Ferrer**, **Chris Sesno**, **Pete Britt**, **Conor Lyons**, Shay Larson '10, and Jon Mason Cox '11. The group is often surprised by out-of-state friends **Jack Wambach**, **Bill Zrike**, **Eamon Duffy**, and **Alex Gart**. They were recently visited by Jack and Bill and all attended a holiday party hosted by Pete Britt, Peter Murphy, Matt Ferrer, and Chris Sesno. ✳ **Brendan Campbell** is working in finance in Mumbia, India, where he has grown an impressive mustache and drives a motorcycle. Watch out, ladies! ✳ In Boston **Emily Jacobs** is working at Children's Hospital in the neurology dept., doing research on both the inner ear and pain in the peripheral nervous system. Besides that, she has been volunteering at the hospital and at a local women's center as a computer tutor. Recently, she completed her third half-marathon as a Disney princess in Florida's Magic Kingdom. ✳ **Whitney Hendrickson** is in her second year of medical school at the UMass Medical School in Worcester, Mass. She lives with **Edward Cahill** on the lake where they have a dock, and when the lake was frozen she was planning to ski across it to get to school! Every once in a while, Whitney sees Erik Lewis '08 and Alyssa Finn '04, who are third-year medical students at UMass, as well as her classmate, Jessica St. John Staunton '01, who is married to another Midd alum and has two children. Whitney has also recently seen **Emily Picciotto**, who is a first-year student at the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine in Grafton, Mass. **Emerson Tuttle** is also enrolled in the DVM program at Tufts in the class of 2014. ✳ **Tripp Burwell** lives in the Boston area and works for an environmental consulting firm. He kayaks in northern New England as much as he can. ✳ **Benjamin Fowler** has completed two years of medical school at the Univ. of Kentucky College of Medicine and is now working towards a PhD in ophthalmology. ✳ **Ann Garcia** continues her work to achieve justice for the immigrant community at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C. When she's not at work, she enjoys meeting up with friends from Middlebury and other places in joints across the city, especially in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood, as well as biking around the area. ✳ **Lissa Crane** had a post in *Gender Across Borders: A Global Feminist Blog* entitled "Cultural Relativism and Universal Women's Rights Doctrine." She's working on her master's in cultural anthropology at Columbia Univ. ✳ **Tim Reynolds** was back at his alma mater, Green Mountain Valley School, this winter as a club coach, mentor, and promoter of the cross-country ski program. ✳ **Bobby Joe Smith** recently joined consulting firm Cook Ross as a business development associate. He was a 2011 New Leaders Fellow at the Center for Progressive Leadership and he completed a public policy and international affairs and law fellowship at UC-Berkeley. ✳ The Vermont Folklife Center in Middlebury named **Aylie Baker** as the 2012 Vermont Folklife Center Fellow. While traveling as a Watson Fellow and a Fellow in Environmental Journalism, she visited different island nations and explored storytelling as a community-building tool and the role of stories in understanding and maintaining an ethos of sustainability on islands.

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10 **Kate Lupo** is now working at the NYU Stern Business School in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. She loves living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and is having a wonderful time getting to know the wonderful city of New York! ✳ **Kristen LaPlante** is working at the Bedford Stuyvesant Collegiate Charter School—it's a part of the Uncommon Schools network. ✳ After spending a year abroad going between Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, **Nell Leshner** returned to Rio de Janeiro in November 2011 to continue work with the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP). Beyond ITDP, she is teaching English, working on her Portuguese, and enjoying endless summer. ✳ **Emmy Burliegh** is keeping it real in NYC. Last spring, she started working for AOL (yes, it does still exist) as an account manager. After adjusting to the loud noises in the city, she has fallen in love with New York and settled on a new goal—testing every restaurant in the city (within her recent graduate budget). ✳ **Ekow Edzie** is in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. ✳ **Grace Taylor** is still living in Boston and still a few months away from getting her master's in social work, with a clinical focus and a specialization in group work. She's also working in a high school as a counselor as part of her program and working part time as a barista to support herself! ✳ **George Heinrichs** was caretaking at Zealand Falls Hut in the White Mountains this winter. ✳ **Brian Fung** had an article in the *Washington Post* last August called "Klout and the Evolution of Digital Diplomacy." He's a freelance journalist who writes about politics and technology. ✳ In other news, I (**Alice**) am moving to the Dominican Republic this summer and now is the perfect opportunity for you to get involved with Middlebury! If you are interested in writing the quarterly updates for the Class of 2010, please shoot me an e-mail at the address below. Thank you!

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11 **Lucas Alvarez** is working as a sales coordinator in ad sales at Univision Communications in New York. ✳ **Juan Machado** has been an account executive since August 2011 at the communications consultancy Global Gateway Advisors, based in Brooklyn, New York. ✳ **RJ Adler** is working at the Keewaydin Environmental Education Center on Lake Dunmore from April to August or October. ✳ **Alexandra Larrow** moved to Burlington, Vt., and has been working at the American Cancer Society as a community executive in income development since the end of September. ✳ **Emily Culp** is now teaching seventh grade English in Andover, Mass., and living in Natick, Mass. ✳ **Liz Hirsch** lives in NYC. She is the assistant director of Charles Bank Gallery, an art gallery downtown specializing in contemporary art. ✳ **Ryan Bates** writes, "I spent last summer on Cape Cod, working as the scenic designer and technical director for the College Light Opera Company's 43rd season. We

produced nine shows, one each week. Since then, I've returned to the Boston area, where I've been putting the other half of my degree (history of art and architecture) to good use, working in the gallery of the recently opened Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library." ✳ **Christine Hsieh** and **Jaeun Lee** are living in Beijing, China, and exploring the arts, figuring out their lives, and hosting Middlebury friends. ✳ **Judy Jiao** works as an analyst at Macquarie Capital in NYC and is spending too much time missing her friends from Middlebury (and the good ole college days), and too little time actually hanging out with them. ✳ **Tommy Mayell** writes, "I'm living in Boston with **Courtney Mazzei** and **Julie Tschirhart**. I recently became a home energy auditor with Next Step Living, also in Boston, so I inspect people's homes and give recommendations on energy efficiency." ✳ **Meghan Blumstein** writes, "Upon graduation, I began working for Andrea Lloyd. I spent a week up around Fairbanks, Alaska, with her at the beginning of the summer, selecting sites for the rest of the field season. I then spent the rest of my time in her lab at Midd. I finished up with her in December and have since moved to Sarasota, Fla., to begin a three-month internship with Mote Marine Laboratories. I'm working on the Sarasota Dolphin Research Project, which is the longest running dolphin-population-monitoring project in existence. We spend half the month out on the boat, collecting photos of dolphin dorsal fins, then spend the second half of the month identifying them in the lab against our dolphin database. It's pretty sweet. The dolphin intern apartment is on Lido Key across the street from the beach. I spent my whole weekend tanning. Love this job." ✳ **Patrick Tivnan** writes, "I moved last November to NYC from Boston to help a PhD establish a lab at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Our lab does hematopoetic and leukemic stem-cell research and I'm working as a research technician and lab manager for the lab as we try to get the new lab up and running." ✳ **Jaime Fuller** is working as an assistant editor at *The American Prospect*. ✳ **Andrew Forsthoefel** is walking across the U.S. He walked out the door of his home on October 14 to, as he says, "search for the most basic human interface of them all: stories." He's meeting people as he goes and listening to what they have to say. Check out his blog at walkingtolisten.com. ✳ **Megan Nesbeth** was chosen to join a national team of 26 organizers with IDEA, a nonprofit focused on transforming public education. She completed professional development in Puerto Rico and is working on community change projects through June. ✳ **Doug Mackey** is an analyst at John Dunham & Associates in Brooklyn, N.Y. ✳ **Annie Rowell** is working at the Vermont Food Venture Center in Hardwick, heading up the center's minimal processing projects. In October they used donated apples to make 250 batches of applesauce for the area food pantry. ✳ *Agrinews* reported in November that **Andrew Conner** had been named the manager of biotechnology for the U.S. Grains Council. ✳ Check out page 46 for a profile of **Sophie Clarke** written by **Maddie Kahn**!

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30 **Helen Perry Smith**, 102, of Towson, Md., on September 23, 2011. Graduating Phi Beta Kappa, she taught English, Latin, and French in various public schools. She also worked as a librarian in Hagerstown, Md. She wrote three books on family history and entertained the residents of Edenwald, where she lived, by writing and directing many one-act plays. She was predeceased by husband Jack. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother John Perry '46 and cousin Alice Fuller Drury '18. Surviving Middlebury relatives include great-niece Katherine Merritt '04.

36 **Clarice Gilpin Seymour**, 96, of Saunderstown, R.I., on August 26, 2011. After a year at Middlebury, she entered Rhode Island Hospital Training School for Nurses, graduating in 1936. She was the supervisor of nurses at South County Hospital until her retirement in 1980. An active volunteer, she was involved with Hospice, FISH, the American Cancer Society, and Habitat for Humanity. She was a longtime member of the Saunderstown Yacht Club and the South County Business and Professional Women's Club. Predeceased by husband Wilfred, she is survived by sons Frederick, Richard, and David, 15 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

39 **Louise Roberts Avery**, 93, of Fairlee, Vt., on July 29, 2011. After graduation, she worked at the College in the office of the dean of women. Marrying in 1941, she and her husband operated Avery Inns of Vermont, which was composed of the Norwich Inn, Bonnie Oaks Resort, Montpelier Tavern Hotel, and Lake Morey Resort. She was a member of the Vermont Hotel/Motel Assoc., New England Inns and Resorts Assoc., and American Hotel and Motel Assoc. Predeceased by husband Borden '39 and son Allen, she is survived by four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Loring P. Lane, 94, of Monterey, Calif., on July 18, 2011. A member of Sigma Epsilon at Middlebury, he served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Living in New Haven, Conn., he worked as a branch manager for Underwood Corp., a sales representative for Diebold, and a sales representative for Connecticut Bank Equipment Co. He was an active member of the Yale Gridiron Club. In 1983 he moved to Monterey where he worked for Bank of America. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Rotha (Lent), daughter Leslie, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Pete Erbe '59.

41 **John L. Albert**, 92, of Jensen Beach, Fla., on August 18, 2011. A Chi Psi at Middlebury, he received his degree from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y. During WWII he serviced radar equipment on B-29 bombers and escorted soldiers home from the war on a liberty ship. With a degree in industrial design, he worked as a product designer at Philco Corp. before joining Revere where he became the director of design. Retiring in 1981, he and his wife enjoyed traveling. Survivors include wife Betty (Sutter), son Richard, daughters Susan, Linda, and Christine, 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Eunice Bory Decker, 91, of Newton, N.C., on August 1, 2011. After graduation she worked as a secretary for Chase Manhattan Bank in NYC and during WWII, at the USO headquarters in the Empire State Bldg. While raising her children, she was active in the League of Women Voters and the Visiting Nurse Assoc. in Lee, Mass. She and her husband traveled extensively, both abroad and in the U.S. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Norton '43, daughter Laura Stricklin '69, son Philip, and three grandchildren.

42 **Peter J. Stanlis**, 91, of Rockford, Ill., on July 18, 2011. At Middlebury he was in Theta Chi, ran cross country, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating, he served in the U.S. Air Corps and continued his education at Bread Loaf School of English, earning his master's in 1944. With a PhD from the Univ. of Michigan, he taught English at various universities before joining the faculty at Rockford College, where he served as chair of the English Dept. from 1968–1974 and as a distinguished professor of humanities from 1974 until 1989 when he retired as professor emeritus. Rockford College awarded him an honorary doctor of humane letters in 2006. He was the world's authority on the British statesman Edmund Burke and published *Edmund Burke and the Natural Law* and also wrote about his friend and mentor, Robert Frost, in *Robert Frost: The Poet as Philosopher.* He wrote numerous publications and received many grants and awards over the years. In 1982 President Ronald Reagan appointed him to a six-year term on the National Endowment for the Humanities. In 1987, he was appointed a British Academy Research Fellow. He was a member of several prestigious societies and organizations. Predeceased by wife Eleanor (Thomas) '44 and daughter Ellie, he is survived by wife Joan Clark, daughter Ingrid Stanlis '72, and three stepchildren.

43 **Robert L. Bickford**, 91, of Newport, Ore., on July 18, 2011. During WWII, he served in the Army Air Corps. After the war, he worked as a service representative for Bendix Corp. at Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod, Mass., and at Andrews Air Force Base, where he was assigned to Air Force One during the Kennedy administration. He joined Boeing Co. in 1965 where he worked until retirement. Predeceased by son Robert, he is survived by wife Peggy (Buchmann), daughters Lois and Jane, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Lenore Wolff Eakeley, 90, of Westfield, N.J., on August 24, 2011. After graduation she worked in the law dept. of the Prudential Insurance Co. then during WWII she taught nursery school and volunteered at the local hospital. An active member of her community, she served as PTA president, as a Sunday School teacher, and at Overlook Hospital. She cofounded the Highland Swim Club in Scotch Plains, N.J., and the Bells and Beaux dancing class for junior high schoolers. She enjoyed golf and was a member at Baltusrol Golf Club. Predeceased by husband Scott '43, she is survived by son Douglas, daughter Linda Duncan '69, four grandchildren including Jennifer Davies '97, and five great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Doris Wolff Bartlett '41. Surviving Middlebury relatives include brother Richard '48.

Helen Bouck Hildebrandt, 90, of Saugerties, N.Y., on August 22, 2011. She received her MSN from the Yale Univ. School of Nursing in 1946 and her MPH from the Univ. of Michigan in 1950. She served as a public health nurse for the Ulster County (N.Y.) Health Dept. before becoming the school nurse and a teacher at Saugerties High School, where she remained 15 years before retiring.

IN MEMORIAM

The following is a list of deaths reported to us since the previous issue went to the printers. Full obituaries will appear in future issues of the magazine.

Elizabeth MacCulloch Mattox '38 ✷ *December 30, 2011*
Boyd H. Carr '39 ✷ *November 23, 2011*
Elbert F. MacFadden Jr. '39 ✷ *January 7, 2012*
Ruth Coleman Skinner '39 ✷ *January 30, 2012*
Jean Sweeny Hancock '40 ✷ *February 17, 2012*
Joan Calley Cooper '42 ✷ *December 29, 2011*
Frederick H. Booth '43 ✷ *February 13, 2012*
Richard S. Morehouse '43 ✷ *January 8, 2012*
Elizabeth Scherholz Pell '43 ✷ *March 3, 2012*
Marylu Graham Atkins '44 ✷ *December 21, 2011*
Ruth Strode Carsley '45 ✷ *January 25, 2012*
Donald A. Perry '45 ✷ *February 24, 2012*
Elizabeth Moulton Clark '46 ✷ *December 7, 2011*
Donald E. Fowler '49 ✷ *January 31, 2012*
Kenneth J. Simendinger '50 ✷ *February 16, 2012*
Robert M. Dibble '51 ✷ *January 2, 2012*
Taylor Pyke '53 ✷ *December 28, 2011*
Gordon I. Ulmer '54 ✷ *February 4, 2012*
John E. Dalrymple '55 ✷ *December 20, 2011*
Robert G. Wilson '55 ✷ *February 3, 2012*
Carrol Anderson Rogers '56 ✷ *January 17, 2012*
Richard I. English '58 ✷ *December 4, 2011*
Peter H. Watson '59 ✷ *January 9, 2012*
Richard L. Perley '61 ✷ *January 17, 2012*
Thomas M. Mettee '63 ✷ *February 16, 2012*
A. Roger Buchika '66 ✷ *December 18, 2011*
Donna L. Hunt '66 ✷ *December 19, 2011*
Brian A. Bry '67 ✷ *January 2, 2012*
Linda G. Johnson '68 ✷ *February 27, 2012*
Howard H. Fraker '73 ✷ *December 23, 2011*
Mary Sawyer Coe '74 ✷ *December 14, 2011*
Jennifer Caldwell '79 ✷ *December 27, 2011*
Kathleen R. Hazard '94 ✷ *February 21, 2012*

Graduate Schools

Mary H. Joslyn, MA English '63 ✷ *February 22, 2012*
Anne Harvey Barton, MA English '96 ✷ *December 14, 2011*
Ellen Macomber Young, MA French '48 ✷ *February 7, 2012*
Roy Jay Nelson, MA French '52 ✷ *February 8, 2012*
Erika Graf Tauber, MA French '55 ✷ *February 14, 2012*
Lucia Fisher Baker, MA French '66 ✷ *December 18, 2011*
Margaret R. Fete, MA French '70 ✷ *December 24, 2011*
Paul W. Gery, MA French '77, MA German '01, DML '07 ✷ *December 14, 2011*
Barbara A. Roberts, MA French '77 ✷ *December 11, 2011*
Todd W. Chowan, MA French '96 ✷ *December 29, 2011*
Richard M. Keer, MA German '51 ✷ *December 31, 2011*
Siegfried B. Jucknies, MA German '67 ✷ *January 9, 2012*
Susan E. Morse, MA German '81 ✷ *December 27, 2011*
Athena Lozos Fernandez, MA Spanish '50 ✷ *February 4, 2012*
John P. Aranguren, MA Spanish '54 ✷ *January 13, 2012*
Deane T. Conklin, MA Spanish '58 ✷ *December 10, 2011*
Alfonso Hernandez, MA Spanish '65 ✷ *January 19, 2012*
Maria B. Rubio, MA Spanish '88 ✷ *January 15, 2012*

She was a member of NYS Nurses Assoc. and the Saugerties Monday Club. Predeceased by husband David in 1985, she is survived by son Mark, daughter Gretchen, and one grandson.

Amanda Sanborne Krieble, 90, of Hanover, N.H., on August 1, 2011. At Middlebury, she was a Phi Mu. After settling in Shaker Heights, Ohio, with her family, she was an active volunteer in school, church, and community organizations, including the Northfield Conference for Girls, PTA, Shaker Lakes Nature Center, and the Cleveland Art Museum. For several years, she taught English at Hathaway Brown School and Laurel School. A loyal Midd alumna, she served as a reunion social chair, class agent, and class secretary. Survivors include husband James, daughters Cynthia '68 and Elizabeth '72, son John, and four grandchildren.

Virginia Clemens Lowman, 90, of Greenlawn, N.Y., on July 19, 2011. With a master's and PhD in organic chemistry from Columbia Univ., she taught in several New York universities, including Barnard, Adelphi, and SUNY, College at Old Westbury, retiring when she was 73 years old. Joining the Girl Scouts at age 10, she became a Golden Eaglet in 1938, the highest rank at that time. She continued to have leadership roles in the Girl Scouts organization throughout her life and received the Juliette G. Low Medal for her work. She and her husband traveled extensively over the years and she had a longtime interest in international friendship programs. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Roderick, daughter Bambi, son Barrie, and two grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include brother Chester '33. Surviving Middlebury relatives include niece Virginia Clemens Bryant '68 and nephew Timothy Clemens '73.

46 **Charlotte Broemel Mersereau**, 85, of Wilmington, Del., on March 10, 2011. After graduation she worked for the French Embassy and as a secretary to a French banker. She then worked for several years at Reader's Digest. She also taught French and worked as the bookkeeper for the family business as well as other small businesses. She was a gold medalist figure skater associated with the Skating Club of Wilmington. Predeceased by husband Emory '44 and son Jonathan, she is survived by daughter Candace Thompson.

47 **Catherine Pomeroy Blair**, 85, of Vineyard Haven, Mass., on September 8, 2011. With a certificate from Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School, she first worked for publishers Allyn and Bacon in Boston. After raising her children and settling on Martha's Vineyard, she worked in the offices of Early Childhood Programs and for UMass's extension office, Dukes Nantucket Cooperative. Predeceased by husband William, she is survived by sons Mark and Bruce, daughter Hilary, and one grandchild.

48 **Nancy Cheesman Baetzhold**, 85, of Indianapolis, Ind., on July 30, 2011. A tireless volunteer, she tutored inner-city youth, did programming and hosting for the Indianapolis Committee for International Visitors, and was deeply involved in the Indianapolis Opera Guild. At one point, in partnership with a friend, she ran a small decorative arts business. Survivors include husband Howard, son Howard, and daughter Barbara. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father John '20, mother Florence (Millard) '20, great-aunt Alice King McGilton, Class of 1915, aunt Emily Millard Brackett '20, uncle William Brackett '20, and cousins Frances Requa Martin '20, and Grace Field McNamee '50. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousins William Brackett '53, Eleanor Brackett McVey '54, David McNamee '75, and Kathleen McNamee '79.

John H. Fitzpatrick, 88, of Stockbridge, Mass., on July 23, 2011. During WWII he served three years in the 102nd Infantry Division and was awarded a Bronze Star in 1945. At Middlebury he was a Delta Kappa Epsilon and political science major. In 1951 he earned a law degree from Boston Univ. but after failing the Vermont bar exam, he went into the dry-goods business. In 1956 he and his wife founded the country's first specialty mail-order curtain company, Country Curtains. They purchased the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge in 1968, renovated it, and relocated the curtain business there. In 1974 they bought a former machine shop and in 1976, the Housatonic Curtain Co. began sewing curtains and related textile products exclusively for Country Curtains. In 1980 they bought Blantyre, a great estate in Lenox, Mass., and restored it as an elegant country house hotel. An activist and participant in community affairs, Jack served as a Republican state senator from 1973–1980. He and his wife were widely known for their philanthropy and were honored with several honorary degrees over the years. In honor of their many contributions to the community, the town of Stockbridge named a village green for the Fitzpatricks. He is survived by his wife of nearly 67 years, Jane (Pratt), daughters Nancy and Ann, two grandsons, and three step-grandchildren.

49 **Ruth Ann Scott McDonough**, 84, of Syracuse, N.Y., on September 19, 2011. With a master's from the Univ. of Buffalo and a CAS from Syracuse Univ., she taught English and reading for 42 years, most recently at Clary Jr. High School in Syracuse, retiring in 1992. Predeceased by husband George, she is survived by children Jamie, Scott, Leslie, and Stacey, 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

50 **Jane Murdoch Baker**, 83, of Brattleboro, Vt., on July 27, 2011. For three years after graduation she worked as a dietitian, first at Dartmouth College then at Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg, Mass. Moving to Boston, she worked at the Museum of Fine Arts as an assistant in the Dept. of Decorative Arts of Western Europe and the Americas. Most recently she served as a magazine

and newspaper consultant with the family business. Active in her community, she was a volunteer in many organizations including AAUW, the hospital auxiliary, the library, and the local museum. She was a loyal Middlebury alumna who served as a class secretary, class agent, and on the alumni council. She is survived by husband Stephen '52, sons James '81, Jonathan '83, and Stephen '86, and five grandchildren.

John G. Irons Jr., 84, of Woodford, Vt., on July 26, 2011. At Middlebury he was a Chi Psi. After earning a degree from Tufts Univ. Dental School in 1954, he joined his father practicing dentistry in Bennington, Vt., and retired in 1986. He and his wife also owned the Old Bennington Country Store and Yankee Notions. He volunteered with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and was a justice of the peace and a member of the Rotary Club. He held a private pilot's license. Survivors include wife Gene (Edgar) '49, sons John III '77 and Malcolm, daughter Katherine '79, and one grandchild. Deceased Middlebury relatives include uncles Francis '26, Ronald '27, and David Irons '29. Surviving Middlebury relatives include nephew Peter Levanovich '78.

William A. Stumpf, 86, of Greensboro, N.C., on July 31, 2011. During WWII he served in the U.S. Navy, participating in the invasion of Italy at Anzio and serving on a minesweeper in the Pacific. He had a long and successful career as a sales engineer with the industrial division of the Masonite Corp. He is survived by wife Virginia and son Douglas.

51 **Donald W. Christiansen**, 85, of Freehold, N.J., on July 29, 2011. During WWII he served in the Marine Corps on the South Pacific islands of Guam and Peleliu. At Middlebury he was a Chi Psi, played goalie on the hockey team, and majored in economics. He spent his career selling fine paper in the Central Jersey/Philadelphia area. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Trenton Country Club as well as the Ewing Kiwanis Club and First Presbyterian Church of Ewing. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Patricia (Ray) '51, sons Michael and Carl, and four grandchildren.

Helen Reid Gilmore, 81, of Greenfield, Mass., on August 2, 2011. Throughout her life she taught private piano lessons and in 1977 began teaching music and piano at Northfield Mount Hermon School. For over 40 years she was the organist and choir director at three churches in Greenfield. She was also the primary accompanist for the Pioneer Valley Symphony Chorus and pianist for the Pioneer Valley Symphony. In the 1980s she was a member of a quintet composed of principals from the symphony. An active alumna, she served as a class agent and class secretary. Predeceased by daughter Sarah Gordon '78, she is survived by her husband of 59 years, John '51, sons Stuart, James '81, and Robert, son-in-law Mark Gordon '79, and five grandchildren.

Norman G. Kittel, 79, of Yachats, Ore., on July 3, 2011. With a degree from UConn's School of Law, he practiced law for 10 years, including serving as deputy attorney general of Indiana. He obtained a master's and PhD in political science from Indiana Univ. and went into teaching political science and criminal justice at several different universities, becoming a full professor at St. Cloud Univ. in Minnesota before retiring. He published extensively, specializing in juvenile justice and defense of the poor. Wherever he lived he volunteered for programs that helped youth and for the Democratic Party. Survivors include wife Joanne (Genc), a sister, and many nieces and nephews. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Adolph '28. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Ann Cadmus McNamara '48.

Kenneth J. LeGrys, 81, of Cambridge, N.Y., on July 22, 2011. After graduation he joined the U.S. Air Force, eventually becoming wing historian for the 307th Bomb Wing, stationed in Okinawa. After his discharge, he went into partnership in an auto repair business for 10 years. In 1965 he went to work for the New York State Dept. of Labor as an employee interviewer and unemployment insurance claims' examiner, retiring in 1995. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carolyn (Thygesen), daughter Wendy, sons James and Lance '92, and three grandchildren.

Barbara Glenn Pempel, 81, of Big Canoe, Ga., on August 3, 2011. After graduation she worked as an underwriter at Travelers Insurance Co. in Albany, N.Y. She also worked for Regal Chemical Co. in Georgia as a bookkeeper. She and husband Ralph had one daughter, Amy.

52 **Laurence R. Draper**, 81, of Lawrence, Kan., on September 18, 2011. At Middlebury he was one of the founders of the radio station (see story page 55). He earned a PhD in microbiology at the Univ. of Chicago in 1956 and worked at the Argonne National Laboratory. In 1960 he joined the radiation branch and laboratory of physiology of the National Cancer Institute at the NIH in Bethesda, Md. Realizing his forte was teaching, he joined the faculty of the Univ. of Kansas in 1968 and served as a professor in the microbiology dept. and the molecular biosciences dept. for the next 40 years. He earned many prestigious teaching awards, including the Mortar Board Outstanding Educator Award three times. He is survived by sons Paul and Keith, and two grandsons. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Alfred '23 and brother-in-law John Walker '56. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Diane Draper Walker '57, niece Denise Walker Lee '82, and great-niece Jessica Lee '13.

Paul R. Lincoln, 83, of Kingwood, Texas, on August 7, 2011. He served a tour of duty in the Navy as a submariner before attending Middlebury where he was in Delta Upsilon. He joined Shell Oil Co. in the marketing division and retired after 37 years. Predeceased by daughter Katherine, he is survived by wife Marianne (Folke) '51, daughters Karen '75 and Kristin, son Paul, one granddaughter, and one great-granddaughter.

55 **Carole Rice Hanau**, 78, formerly of Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif., on September 5, 2011. With a BSN from UVM, she worked for Radford College Dept. of Nursing as a clinical instructor, rotating among various medical facilities in the Roanoke, Va., area. Moving to San Diego in 1978, she worked for Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, Calif., until her retirement in 1996. Predeceased by husband Douglas '54, she is survived by daughters Kelli Quinn, Nancy O'Baugh, and Susan Arthur, son Doug, and eight grandchildren.

56 **Phillips G. Terhune Jr.**, 78, of Norwalk, Conn., on August 28, 2011. While at Middlebury he was in Alpha Sigma Psi. After graduation he was drafted into the Army, trained in guided missile flight control, and made a finance sergeant. He worked for Procter & Gamble in brand management before moving to NYC and working at several advertising agencies before becoming a marketing consultant. He was publisher of the *Dining Out* magazine and subsequently served as a Connecticut state marshal. A loyal alum, he served as a class agent and class secretary. He is survived by wife Carol (Van Duyn) '57, daughter Elizabeth, son James '86, and four grandchildren.

57 **John M. Ingram**, 76, of Andover, Mass., on July 6, 2011. He was a Delta Kappa Epsilon at Middlebury and on the WRMC staff. He worked 18 years at Marshalls as senior VP of real estate and construction and eventually established his own real estate consulting firm. A member of the International Council of Shopping Centers, he served in many capacities, including on the board of trustees and as international chairman in 2001. He is survived by wife Patricia (Madden), daughters Nancy and Marilyn, and seven grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Helen Miller Ingram '25 and cousin Betsey White Douglas '40. Surviving Middlebury relatives include brother Robert '60 and cousin Diane White Matthews '56.

58 **John M. Andrews**, 75, of Spokane, Wash., on July 29, 2011. A Delta Upsilon while at Middlebury, in 1958 he joined the Marines. After his discharge, he worked for Beneficial before retiring after 40 years. He was an active member of the local theater group and was an avid Civil War historian. Preceded in death by wife Rose (Velez), he is survived by sons Paul, John, and Patrick, daughters Patricia and Pam, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Shirley Whitney Juneo, 75, of Salisbury, Vt., on August 9, 2011. After graduating from Middlebury, where she was a Pi Beta Phi, she worked in public relations at MIT in Cambridge, Mass. After earning an MS in education from SUNY New Paltz, she taught in Wiesbaden, Germany, for the Dept. of Defense until she married and moved to Texas. From there she moved to Turkey with her family, where they lived two-and-a-half years. Eventually settling in Virginia, she worked for Fred Taylor and Assoc. In 1989 she and her husband moved to Salisbury, Vt., and lived on Lake Dunmore, spending winter months in Venice, Fla. She was an active member of both communities. A loyal alumna, she served as a class agent, class secretary, and on the 50th yearbook committee. Predeceased by husband Robert, she is survived by daughter Jennifer and granddaughter Whitney. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Willard '27, uncles F. Carl '18, Percy '25, Royal '31, Julius '35, and Raymond Whitney '35, aunts Pauline Cross Whitney '27 and Virginia Phillips Whitney '36, and cousins Michele Whitney '63 and Barbara Whitney Wilson '51. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Patricia Whitney Messler '69.

Joseph E. Mohbat, 73, of Brooklyn, N.Y., on August 10, 2011. A member of Alpha Sigma Psi, the staff at WRMC, and a writer for the *Campus*, he went into journalism after graduation and joined the Associated Press in Chicago in 1960. Moving to Washington, D.C., two years later, he covered the political scene during the 1960s, including the presidential campaign of Robert F. Kennedy in 1968. In 1966 he received a Nieman fellowship and

spent a year at Harvard. In 1968 he received the Worth Bingham Prize for investigative reporting. In 1970 he became press secretary to the Democratic National Committee, leaving in 1972 to attend Georgetown law school at night and work in public relations during the day. Graduating in 1978, he moved to NYC and had a private law practice before joining the New York City Law Dept. in the 1990s. With a lifelong interest in theater, he had a lead role in a Brooklyn community theater production. A loyal Middlebury alum, he served as a class agent and class secretary. He is survived by wife Nancy Schuh and son Thomas.

61 **Gail Munson Elliott**, 72, of Gig Harbor, Wash., on September 24, 2011. With a master's from Columbia Univ. Teachers College, she taught middle school social studies and English. While raising her children, she was active in the League of Women Voters and parent volunteer work. She enjoyed horseback riding and traveling. Predeceased by first husband Neal, she is survived by husband Bill Boris, daughters Ingrid and Eva, son Jonathan, and four grandsons.

Donald B. Ruben, 72, of Columbus, Ohio, on September 15, 2011. At Middlebury he played tennis, was part of the WRMC staff, and was a member of Alpha Sigma Psi. With a law degree from the Univ. of Cincinnati, he worked for the Ohio attorney general and as an assistant Franklin County prosecutor, which prepared him for a career as a successful criminal defense and civil rights lawyer. He was also committed to ending cannabis prohibition and served on the legal committe of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws and published articles on states' rights and medical marijuana. He is survived by wife Lelia Cady.

62 **Daniel F. Miner**, 70, of Mesa, Ariz., on July 28, 2011. At Middlebury he was in Kappa Delta Rho and part of the WRMC staff. With a master of divinity and a master of sacred theology from General Theological Seminary, he served as an Episcopal priest in the dioceses of Long Island, New York, Minnesota, and Arizona. He is survived by sons Tom, Fred, and Jim, and nine grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include father Thomas '32, aunt Florence Hulme Miner '38, and uncle James Miner '38. Surviving Middlebury relatives include sister Constance Miner Hawley '64 and cousin Jesse Koenig '99.

65 **Ann M. Gruhn**, 67, of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., on September 18, 2011. With a master's from NYU, she spent most of her career with IBM Corp., where she held a variety of technical and management positions. Her technical interests included text processing languages and project management. She enjoyed skiing, hiking, tennis, and gardening. A Sigma Kappa at Middlebury, she was an active alum, often serving as a class agent. She is survived by husband Peter Franaszek.

72 **Steven M. Solomon**, 60, of Porters Lake, Nova Scotia, Canada, on August 20, 2011. With an MS in geology from Memorial Univ. of Newfoundland, he was hired by the Geological Survey of Canada and worked out of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. He quickly established a reputation as an expert on Arctic coastal processes and the complexities of the Mackenzie Delta on the Arctic Ocean. Although his work focused on the western Canadian Arctic, he was involved with other projects including working five years in Saglek Fjord in Labrador. He is survived by wife Sarah-Marie, son Reuben, his mother, brother, and sister.

74 **Robert E. Lider**, 59, of Guilderland, N.Y., on September 22, 2011. Strongly committed to environmental issues and social justice, he was a member of the Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace. He enjoyed skiing and hiking. Survivors include wife Candace, and children Chauncey and Caroline.

75 **Blair L. Barton**, 58, of Baltimore, Md., on September 7, 2011. After college she worked for Barton-Gillet Co. in marketing and sales and earned an MBA from Loyola Univ. Maryland. In 1986 she established her own firm, Barton Dame, a public relations and marketing business. She also owned and managed several Baltimore commercial properties. Active in her community, she was involved in area philanthropic and charitable organizations. Survivors include husband Randy Metcalfe, daughter Priscilla, her parents, and three sisters.

79 **Victoria Valar**, 53, of Snowmass, Colo., on August 18, 2011. A talented skier, she participated on the women's ski team at Middlebury and after graduation worked as a ski instructor at Cannon Mountain, N.H., and as a real estate broker in both New Hampshire and Colorado, where she ran her own real estate investment company, Bonnifield. She continued skiing, becoming an accomplished and decorated master's ski racer and winning multiple master's national championships. She is survived by husband Todd Bryant, sisters Stefanie '76, Pia, and Christina '88, and a niece and two nephews.

88 **Paula H. Carlton**, 44, of Williamstown, N.J., on August 31, 2011. With a master's in creative writing from the Univ. of San Francisco, she worked in public relations and journalism. An animal lover, she was an animal rights activist and volunteered at animal shelters. Predeceased by her father, she is survived by her mother and two brothers.

89 **Martin E. Fossett**, 44, of Bloomfield, N.J., on September 16, 2011. A KDR at Middlebury, he earned his PhD from the Univ. of Utah. He taught chemistry at Tabor Academy in Massachusetts for several years and spent the last 10 years teaching at the Montclair Kimberley Academy in New Jersey. He is also the coauthor of *Lab Investigations: AP Chemistry.* Survivors include wife Amy (Sequeira) '89, son Caleb, his parents, and his brother.

98 **Michael P. Russell**, 36, of Colorado Springs, Colo., on September 24, 2011. At Middlebury he played varsity soccer. After graduation he taught English in Barcelona, Spain. In 2002 he was employed by Seabury Hall School in Maui as a Spanish teacher and soccer coach. In 2007 he spent the school year teaching in Peru on a Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. He served as head of the foreign languages dept. at Seabury and was voted MIL Soccer Coach of the Year for 2008–2009. In July 2011 he moved with his family to Colorado, where he was employed by Fountain Valley School as a Spanish teacher and soccer coach. He is survived by wife Shawnde (Ledford) and daughters Marley and Lily, his parents, and five sisters and brothers, including Stephen '88.

99 **Edward R. Koger Jr.**, 35, of Wilmore, Kan., on July 25, 2011. With an MBA from Rice Univ. in Houston, Texas, he worked as a stockbroker for UBS PaineWebber, as a market analyst for Conoco Phillips, as an analyst in business development for Koch Industries in Wichita, Kan., and as VP of the Wichita Center for Excellence. He also owned and operated Rio Rubix Ranch near Belvidere, Kan. A volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters, he was a black belt in karate and tae kwon do and enjoyed teaching martial arts to children. Survivors include his parents, a brother, a sister, and two nieces and a nephew. Surviving Middlebury relatives include cousin Kathryn Roberts Valeika '96.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS FACULTY

Ruth Trauschke Groen, 89, of South Windsor, Conn., on August 3, 2011. Born in Germany, she grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa. She taught German in Cicero, N.Y., and taught at Middlebury's German School in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Active in the South Windsor community, she volunteered at concerts held at Wood Memorial Library and was a member of the Friends of South Windsor Library. She is survived by daughters Karin Ziedman and Judy Edelhoff, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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Charles J. Lengyel, 90, of Middlebury, Vt., on November 12, 2011. From 1942–1946 he served in the U.S. Army as a field lineman, leaving for duty in WWII in Germany in 1945. He began working at the College in 1969 in the athletics dept. and he served as the athletic equipment manager for 17 years before retiring in 1986. A sports lover, he played football, hockey, and baseball in high school and was a dedicated fan of Panther sports and high school football. He is survived by sons Paul and John and three grandchildren.

Richard E. Stevens, 66, of Pittsfield, Vt., on November 23, 2011. He worked in the maintenance dept. at Killington for 16 years before joining the staff at the Snow Bowl, where he stayed over 20 years before retiring in 2006. He had a wide range of technical knowledge and kept the equipment maintained and running on the mountain. After retiring he worked in logging. He loved all types of outdoor recreation, especially hunting. He is survived by wife Mary Lee (Mills), and daughters Buffy and Katrina.

HONORARY DEGREE

Sr. **Elizabeth Candon**, 90, of South Burlington, Vt., on February 1, 2012. She entered the convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Burlington, Vt., in the late 1930s and went on to receive a bachelor's from Trinity College in Burlington, as well as a master's and PhD in Middle English language and literature from Fordham Univ. in New York. She began teaching English at Trinity in 1954 and served as president from 1966–1976. The Vermont governor at the time, Richard Snelling, then asked her to lead the Agency of Human Services, which she did until 1983. A political activist and feminist, she stuck to her convictions even when they clashed with church doctrine. In 1978 Middlebury College bestowed an honorary doctor of laws on her and she served as a trustee for the College from 1985–1994.

Norman F. Ramsey Jr., 96, of Brookline, Mass., on November 4, 2011. With a degree in mathematics from Columbia Univ., he was awarded a fellowship

to study at Cambridge Univ., where he earned both a bachelor's and master's in physics. He earned his doctorate from Columbia in 1940. During WWII, he mostly did defense work, including working as a group leader and associate division chief on the development of the atomic bomb at Los Alamos. In 1947 he joined the faculty at Harvard Univ., becoming a full professor in 1950. Middlebury awarded him an honorary doctor of science in 1969. As one of the world's leading experimental physicists, his scientific achievements were numerous but his best-known works involved measuring gradations of atomic energy levels and the development of the hydrogen maser, which led to the atomic cesium clock, the present international time standard. In 1988 he was awarded the National Medal of Science and in 1989 he was the co-recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physics for the research that led to the atomic cesium clock. Predeceased by first wife Elinor (Jameson), he is survived by wife Ellie Welch, daughters Margaret Kasschau, Patricia Ramsey '67, Winifred Swarr, Janet Farrell, and Marguerite Welch, and son Gerard Welch.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS

38 **Mary V. Allen**, 96, MA French, of Summerville, S.C., on October 15, 2011. After teaching high school French, she returned to her alma mater, Agnes Scott College, in Decatur, Ga., to teach. With a PhD in Romance languages from the Univ. of Virginia, she was a professor of French and chair of the French dept. at Agnes Scott, retiring in 1979.

42 **Jennie Mosca Basile**, 95, MA Italian, of Andover, Mass., on September 25, 2011. She was a foreign language teacher for 34 years and was an accomplished linguist.

46 **Katharine H. Herber**, 95, MA Spanish, of Delmar, N.Y., on September 9, 2011. She earned a master's in library science from the State College for Teachers in Albany, N.Y., in 1956. She taught French, Spanish, and Latin in schools and for the last 20 years of her career, she served as the librarian at Ravena Central School, retiring in 1973.

48 **Lillie Belle Drake Hamilton**, 92, MA Spanish, of Union City, Ga., on October 2, 2011. During her teaching career, she shared her love of languages with students in elementary, junior high, and high schools in the Fulton County school system, retiring in 1981 from College Park High School, the same year she was inducted into the Georgia Teacher Hall of Fame. She also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Foreign Language Assoc. of Georgia.

50 **Sheila Spear Keeny**, 84, MA French, of Washington, D.C., on September 10, 2011. She initially worked for the CIA and later for the Urban Institute. She devoted many years to volunteer work with the D.C. League of Women Voters and to the United Nations Assoc./National Capital Area.

51 **Arthur D. Adair**, 86, MA French, of Gray, Tenn., on September 26, 2011. During WWII, he served in the European Theater. He taught at several colleges before moving to Bristol, Va., where he taught languages at Sullins College then at Sullins Academy. He retired in 1988.

Harry C. Goldby, 94, MA French, of Carlisle, Pa., on September 26, 2011. During WWII he was an Army Air Force intelligence officer in Africa and Europe and was awarded the Bronze Star. His teaching career included 19 years at the Univ. of Pittsburgh and 17 years at Chatham College. For several years he was on the staff of the Paris-American Academy, teaching French civilization. He retired in 1983.

53 **Elvira Francello Persons**, 87, MA French, of Glenville, N.Y., on October 8, 2011. In Schenectady, N.Y., she held teaching positions at Central Park and Nott Terrace schools. Later she taught at Shenendehowa High School.

60 **Edmund M. Brelsford**, 80, MA French, of Marlboro, Vt., on September 11, 2011. Fluent in four languages, he taught languages and literature at Marlboro College for over 40 years. A Renaissance man, he was an accomplished musician, an actor, a poet, and an athlete. Wife Veronica (Alewyn) also received a master's in French in 1960.

64 **Helen Early Vinuesa**, 71, MA Spanish, of Brownwood, Texas, on August 18, 2011. She spent her career in teaching.

71 **Hovey M. Cowles**, 71, MA French, of San Antonio, Texas, on October 12, 2011. During the Vietnam War, he served as a captain in the Army. He taught French at Proctor Academy in New Hampshire and Vermont Academy before pursuing doctoral work at Ohio State Univ. Moving to Texas he worked as a park ranger with the Alamo Area Council of the Boy Scouts then returned to teaching in the San Antonio Independent School District.

74 **Standrod T. Carmichael**, 87, MA English, of Atlanta, Ga., on August 7, 2011. With a master of sacred theology from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., he was ordained in 1953. He worked in various churches and schools before taking the Church of the Good Shepherd in Galax, Va., in 1983. He was involved in various community organizations, including the battered women's shelter and was the founder of the Hostel of the Good Shepherd for the homeless.

75 **Eugenia Castellanos**, 90, MA Spanish, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., on August 19, 2011. Born in Havana, Cuba, she earned a PhD in law from the Univ. of Havana. She taught school in the U.S. for many years.

76 **Gary J. Barlettano**, 58, MA German, of Martinez, Calif., on August 18, 2011. He was a language specialist for the U.S. Dept. of Defense and the chief translator for the U.S. European Command.

81 **Candace Regan Burkle**, 59, English '91, '92, '94, '95, '01, '05, of Weybridge, Vt., on October 12, 2011. From 1974–2011 she taught grades 4 through 12 but spent most of her career as an English and theater arts teacher. Her most rewarding years were spent teaching in the Addison Repertory Theater at the Hannaford Career Center in Middlebury.

Debbie L. Lopez, 56, MA English, of Boerne, Texas, on October 14, 2011. With a PhD from Harvard, she was an associate professor of English literature at the Univ. of Texas at San Antonio for 17 years. She earned numerous teaching awards, including a Fulbright Scholar appointment at Aristotle Univ. in Greece.

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National Football League, that has not resulted in a corresponding increase in a "concussion community," Kitchen says, a place where those suffering can share stories and offer support to one another.

Kitchen wants to change that, and for about 15 minutes she outlines her ambition to create a website that would fill the void. She rattles off statistics (the 1.2 million student-athletes who have been diagnosed with concussions during the past decade, the startling estimate that this figure could be closer to 8.4 million because so many go undiagnosed). She outlines a business plan; she talks start-up costs (about $10,000 thousand).

There are seven other Next Big Idea finalists in the room. Kitchen is the seventh to present, and as she wraps up her presentation, one notices a collective shoulder slump among her competitors, followed by admiring smiles. They know they're now fighting for second place.

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Since the beginning of February, Kitchen has not only won MiddCORE's Next Big Idea title, but she has enlisted a business partner (her friend Kaitlin Surdoval '12, who has suffered *four* concussions in her lifetime), and has won another competition, this one sponsored by the College's Project on Creativity and Innovation in the Liberal Arts.

This latest achievement came with office space, alumni mentoring, and $3,000 in prize money. Phase one of their project begins this spring. Each week until the end of the academic year, Kitchen and Surdoval will bring student-athletes down to their studio in the Axinn Center to record testimonials. With the arrival of June, the two will hit the road, visiting campuses and summer programs, where they hope to add more stories to their database.

Their prize money is enough to get them started, Kitchen says, though she hopes to raise an additional $7,000 that will see them through phase one, with the launch of a video blog before autumn.

Emma Kitchen's nightmare is over. But, she knows, others' are just beginning.

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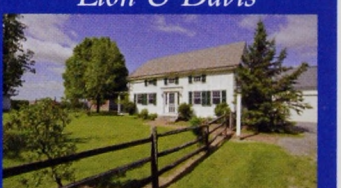
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Lessons from Liberia

Trading in the hard court of Pepin for the concrete run of a war-torn country.

By Andrew Locke '11

Eight months and 3,000 miles southeast of my final game in Middlebury's Pepin Gymnasium, I stand on the sidelines of a different court. With my eyes closed, they sound almost identical: shoes squeak, shots echo off the rim, players grunt, whistles trill.

But in the middle of Liberia's capital city, only a few blocks from where Charles Taylor oversaw an unfathomable reign of terror, it's strange to consider that a game like basketball could exist, much less flourish

To an outsider, "flourish" may seem like an odd word choice. There is no roof on this gym. Garbage and sewage are swept into gutters on the sidelines, and paint peels off the concrete floor and wooden backboards.

Yet three times a week for the two hours before dark, the LPRC Oilers—a team in the Liberia Basketball Association—get to forget about life beyond the end lines and a community struggling to heal deep wounds, and they become enveloped in the coalescent and transitory power of basketball. I am their assistant coach.

On this day, the final practice before the beginning of the LBA's Championship series, I recognize the quiet, focused energy of athletes on the verge, an intensity I lived for during my time playing basketball at Middlebury. It's unnerving to feel it with another team, and in this environment, a bit out of place. But as incongruous as the feeling is, it is equally reaffirming—a testament that basketball isn't about cameras, fans, or rankings, but about the guy next to you.

And the Oilers understand this better, perhaps, than any team I've ever seen. Growing up amid some of the cruelest conditions on the planet, basketball represents something special to these athletes. For them, the game offers an escape from their common experience. Their wins are tangible evidence of the power of dedication, and their championship run an immutable statement to teamwork. While basketball is woven into my life, inseparable from everything else, for this team the game is discrete. It provides an alternative to a jaded reality that has been consistently marred by senseless violence. As Liberia looks to redefine itself as a functioning democracy and a model for post-conflict societies, smaller communities are increasingly important. Paradigm shifts begin at the bottom, and this team is a shining example. And their example is spreading. For our final games of the season, LPRC's local refinery has arranged for buses to ferry workers to the games. In an environment with precious little to root for, the Oilers have inspired a community.

Liberians still have a long, difficult road ahead of them: in my three months as an assistant coach, I have witnessed bribery, extortion, vandalism, ineptitude, and corruption; I have seen brawls break out over bad calls and games delayed by monsoon rains. But the attitude of the Oilers—their determination and teamwork—provide exactly the right place to start. In so many ways, my experience in Liberia has been nothing like my experience with the placid dependability of Middlebury. But in important ways, it has been—you just need to close your eyes, shift your focus, and appreciate that the power of basketball knows no borders.

Andrew Locke was a tri-captain of the 2010-2011 Middlebury

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